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## Oil Talks Off For The Present Issues To Be Dealt With At High Level

Teheran, Aug. 20.

The British and Persian oil delegations would not meet again until the "present difficulties" were settled at a high level, an official British spokesman said tonight.

No further meetings have been arranged but Mr Averell Harriman, President Truman's special representative, is trying to bring the two sides together.

Mr Harriman, who is now openly mediating in the dispute, brought Britain's chief negotiator, Mr Richard Stokes, and the Persian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, to a three-cornered conference this morning and was due to meet them again tonight or tomorrow.

The Persian Premier said afterwards: "I am still hopeful that we will be able to find a settlement." He told correspondents that the Persians had asked Mr Stokes to fix a time for the next meeting of the two delegations.

He emphatically denied that Mr Harriman had declared his support for the British proposals. Persia's reply has not been published yet, but usually reliable sources said that it rejected four of the eight points in the Stokes plan.

But Mr Harriman is known to be trying to get the Persians to withdraw or at least amend their objections.

### QUADS BORN

Bromley, Aug. 20. Quads — two girls and two boys — were born today to Mrs Muriel Brown at a Bromley maternity home. The babies, who each weighed about two and a half pounds, were reported to be progressing quite satisfactorily. — Reuter.

the gap between both sides is so wide that there is not even common ground for discussion at a delegate level.

British and American circles said that Mr Stokes had already decided to leave Teheran on Wednesday or Thursday if there was no further progress.

The Persians have several objections to the Stokes plan. The main one is that they feel that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would still operate in Persia, only in another guise.

Mr Harriman is understood to believe that Dr Mossadegh might be persuaded to change his attitude after private talks with Mr Stokes.

Several leading Persians are reported to have told both Mr Stokes and Mr Harriman that they acknowledged the British proposals were "an excellent business offer but are still unacceptable."

They have said repeatedly that they were not concerned only with practical considerations but also with points of principle, even when these were detrimental to the material interests of Persia, the source added. — Reuter.

Twenty-One Today



Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret, who celebrates her coming of age today.

### LESE MAJESTE

Calcutta, Aug. 20. Socialist Deputy Ibrahim Shukry was arrested on Monday on charges of lese majeste. The Chamber of Deputies earlier waived Shukry's parliamentary immunity so that the law may take its course.

The official indictment charges Shukry made libellous statements in the July 28 issue of the Socialist Party organ "New People." — United Press.

## "Siege" Of Balmoral Castle

Preparations For Royal Birthday

Balmoral, Scotland, Aug. 20.

The King and his officials determinedly resisted the "siege" of Balmoral Castle tonight on the eve of Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

Detectives and members of the Royal Household have dutifully seen to it that the Royal request for privacy is obeyed. Up till tonight outsiders have seen only fleeting distant glimpses of the Princess.

The frowning gates of the King's Scottish estate opened today only to admit a small number of intimate friends of the Royal family, a dressmaker and men bringing a giant pink-leaved birthday cake.

The cake, weighing 30 pounds, arrived from London today. Its 12 sides are decorated with the signs of the Zodiac in cream marzipan, the front panel showing Margaret's own sign of Leo, the Lion.

**SUGAR STANDARD**  
On top is the Prince's personal Standard in the coloured sugar. A representative of the makers, who travelled with the cake, will add the 21 candles which Princess Margaret will blow tomorrow, at her birthday ball.

From early today a crowd gathered around Ballater railway station to see the guests arrive. Among them was tall polo-playing Billy Wallace, 24-year-old son of Mrs Herbert Agar, wife of the American historian.

A recent escort of the Princess, he has denied rumours that his engagement to her would be announced at her coming of age.

About two-thirds of the male guests at tomorrow's ball will wear the Scottish kilt.

If the weather is good, Margaret will picnic among the heather, during the day with her friends.

Her birthday presents were still a secret tonight, but some unconfirmed reports said that the Princess had already been given the one for which she craved — a car of her own. — Reuter.

### CASUALTIES IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 20. British Army units fighting Communist terrorists in Malaya have lost 310 officers and men killed since the state of emergency was proclaimed on June 1, 1948.

Another 465 have been wounded. One British soldier missing. Of these killed, 30 were British Army officers. — Associated Press.

## JOY REFUTES NAM IL'S CHARGE

### Unsubstantiated By Preliminary Report ALLEGED VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY ZONE

Tokyo, Aug. 21.

Vice-Admiral C. Turner Joy told the Communists "a preliminary report does not substantiate the charges you have made" concerning a violation of the Kaesong neutrality zone.

Admiral Joy issued the reply from Tokyo where he conferred yesterday with General Matthew B. Ridgway, UN Supreme Commander.

The North Korean delegate, General Nam Il, had accused UN troops of attacking a patrol within the Kaesong neutral area, killing one man and wounding another. He said the attack was the third violation of the area and demanded assurances the territory would be respected.

Admiral Joy's complete message read:

Your message of August 19 is hereby acknowledged. I will reply fully to you when I have received a complete report of the investigation of the alleged violation of the neutrality zone on Aug. 19. A preliminary report does not substantiate the charges you have made.

A UN Headquarters statement last night suggested that "partisans of either side" eager to wreck the peace talks may have staged the ambush. The only member of the attacking group described was said to have worn black trousers and a white shirt. No helmets or uniforms of UN troops were noted, said a UN liaison officer who investigated.

The investigators agreed that the shooting occurred within the five-mile radius of Kaesong that marks the non-combatant area.

The Communists, who belied their disregard of the Kaesong Zone recently when a party of armed troops were seen by Admiral Joy and photographers near the town, talks have attempted to make much of the Sunday shooting.

Admiral Joy disputed the Red contention that the presence of Red troops in the area was accidental, trivial and minor. He pointed out they carried weapons not specified for the usual safety patrol, and thus countered their assertion that the "guards" had merely taken a wrong path.

There was no information whether Admiral Joy intended to return to Korea immediately or wait here for the completion of the investigation.

It was obvious the Reds ignored the guerrilla nature of the attack and meant to press for all it was worth the implication that the neutral zone was violated by UN forces, and that the victims were the Communists.

The statement issued by Headquarters here sought to put the situation in the perspective of the facts. — Associated Press.

### RADIO COMMENT

Tokyo, Aug. 21. The Communist Peking radio said today that a Korean ceasefire agreement would be "impossible" unless the United Nations negotiators agree to a demarcation line along the 38th parallel.

The broadcast said "no progress has been made on the issue in the last few days, including meetings held by the cease-fire sub-committee."

It said: "If the American side still stubbornly adheres to its unreasonable demand of plunder and rejects the just and reasonable proposal of our side, no agreement will still be possible."

It also accused the United Nations of lacking sincerity. — United Press.

### FIERCE FIGHTING

Eighth Army HQ, Korea, Aug. 21. In fierce fighting on the Eastern Korean Front on Monday, South Korean troops crossed minelands and captured four high-levels in hand-to-hand fighting with the stubbornly resisting Reds.

Other South Koreans, using bayonets and hand grenades to clear the way, surged up the slopes of two other high-levels, to reach within 100 feet of the top by late afternoon. Sporadic fighting continued during the night. While most of the action centered between the 24th and 25th Regiments, (Continued on back page, Oct. 2)

## Suez Canal Dispute: New Turn

Security Council Postpones Vote

United Nations, N.Y., Aug. 20.

The United Nations Security Council postponed until next Monday the vote on the tripartite resolution calling on Egypt to lift the Suez Canal blockade.

Delegations agreed tonight to grant the request of the Turkish government that more time be given for the top-level conversations now in progress in Cairo and Ankara.

The request was made suddenly by the chief Turkish delegate, Mr Selim Surper, after receiving information from Ankara that his government had entered high-level talks with Egypt aiming at an out-of-Council settlement of the Suez dispute.

It was not clear at the moment what brought about the negotiations since Mr Surper announced on Thursday the failure of his own mediatory efforts and pledged support for the resolution tabled by Britain, France and the United States. However, informed sources said Turkey received indications from Cairo that Egypt might be prepared to discuss amicable settlement of the dispute.

**SPONSORS DOUBTFUL**  
The sponsors of the resolution were frankly doubting the outcome of the new talks and were reluctant to delay the vote once more. But the President, Mr Warren Austin (United States), decided that all delegations should be polled by telephone so that the sponsors should not be accused of steamrolling the resolution. It was understood all delegations agreed to Mr Surper's request.

The tripartite resolution, which had been scheduled for a vote tomorrow morning, was assured of passage as eight delegations have pledged support. India and Nationalist China indicated they would abstain and Russia was expected to do likewise.

A spokesman for the sponsors went on record saying the sponsors would be delighted if an out-of-Council settlement were feasible, thus obviating the need for chiding Egypt publicly and presumably avoiding further worsening of relations between the Arab states and the West. The sponsors feel, nevertheless, that action by the Council must be taken if this last effort fails because they fear the whole Palestine armistice system will be jeopardised if Egypt does not lift its blockade, which the majority of members see as a violation of the spirit of the armistice. — United Press.

### Tribesmen Hanged

Asmara, Aug. 20. Three Ethiopian tribesmen were hanged today for cutting out the tongue and slitting the ears of a country man. They thought he was a police informant. — United Press.

## The Hongkong Regiment

Two Pages Of Pictures

Tomorrow (Wednesday) and again on Thursday, the China Mail is delighted to present to its readers full page pictorial records of the activities of the Hongkong Regiment, spearhead of the post-war Royal Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force.

The Hongkong Regiment is fast growing, in strength and in practical experience. Its training is comprehensive and thorough.

The two pages of pictures which the China Mail is devoting to the Hongkong Regiment vividly illustrates the manifold activities of the Regiment, and they represent also a tribute to the men and women who have volunteered for this important service for the defence and security of Hongkong.

## Pray To Be Delivered From Storm

Mexico City, Aug. 20.

At noon today reports from Merida, capital of Yucatan, said that the inhabitants, terrified by the news of the approaching hurricane, flocked to the churches and prayed for deliverance.

A radio operator of Isla Mujeres, a small island, said that the speed of the wind indicated that the centre of the hurricane was coming, but he did not have the necessary instruments to measure its exact speed.

Mr Grady Norton, chief storm forecaster at the Miami Weather Bureau, today warned that the hurricane which killed 109 people in Jamaica will regain its full strength now that it is over water, again.

Today, it swirled across the Yucatan Peninsula and entered the Gulf of Mexico near the north coast town of Progreso. Its 180-mile journey across land during the night took much of the kick out of it.

The extent of the damage in the Yucatan Peninsula was not immediately known. Radio stations closed down as the storm drew near and there were no other means of communication.

Mr Norton said: "The storm re-entered the Gulf with its centre intact. There is plenty of heat and humidity needed to regain its force over Gulf waters." — Reuter.

## Grim Story Of Tanker Explosion

Crew Fights Blaze

Pulau Bukom, Near Singapore, Aug. 20.

Twenty-six men were blown or burned to death early today when the British tanker Dromus exploded and blazed for six hours alongside an oil loading wharf.

Two others are believed to be dead though their bodies have not been found. Twenty-three shore workers and crew were rushed to hospital, nine with serious injuries.

Most of the dead were charred beyond identification, even by fingerprints.

Four badly burned bodies are still floating in the gutted ship's forecastle which is half filled with water and oil. She will be pumped dry tomorrow to enter dock for repairs.

Twenty-five other bodies were recovered from the blazing wreck of the waters around her.

The Dromus was being loaded with motor spirit when one of the tanks overflowed and ignited half an hour after midnight, a survivor said.

### LIKE A TORCH

She burned like a torch for six hours lighting the night sky. But except for a brief blaze on the wharf, the flames did not spread to the island where 250,000 tons of oil is stored.

The explosion awakened sleeping people in Singapore, nearly five miles away.

The tanker's Chinese bosun and quarter-master, originally listed as missing, were later found clinging behind bushes on the far side of Pulau Bukom island. They were only persuaded to rejoin surviving shipmates by offers of food.

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But the crew fought on through smoke and flames to seal the fuel tanks.

The tanker's bridge and forecastle were gutted before the combined efforts of three lighters, two water boats and the crew quelled the flames. — Reuter.

### COMMENT OF THE DAY

## Storm In A Teacup?

**PERSISTENCE** of the rumour strongly suggesting the abandonment by Government of the scheme for erecting a substantial sports stadium on the projected Causeway Bay reclamation area seems to call for an early official statement clearing the air. It is only three weeks ago that the Vice-President of the HKFA was speaking enthusiastically of the 30,000-spectator prospect, and the collapse of the bubble—if such it is—seems to have coincided with the subsequent meetings of a Committee to which Mr McKelvie referred. There may, of course, be no warrant for the alarm provoked in sporting circles. Wrong inferences may have been drawn from casual observations by individuals closely in touch with the tentative planning. On the other hand, the hint given concerning the time factors—that it will be a long time before the reclamation gets seriously under way and that even then the stadium envisaged would have to wait until the ground had solidly settled—could be intended to mean one of two things. It might be regarded as a warning to those who had visualised the urgently needed sports enclosure materialising in a couple of years. It

could also be interpreted as an indication that those largely responsible have, in fact, been contemplating abandonment of the Causeway Bay scheme, as too dimly distant, and to be considering recommendation of an alternative site open to speedier completion. Should the latter explanation of the rumours provide the real answer, there will, of course, be no complaint; quite the reverse. Speed is the essence of general desire, both of sporting associations and those concerned with traffic and crowd controls. The anxiety created by the suggestion that the recreational facilities at Causeway Bay will not include a large stadium arises from the absence of any authoritative guidance regarding Government intentions. From every point of view, it is desirable that this should be forthcoming. If interested parties have been misinformed, this should be made clear. If there is sound basis for the abandonment story and alternative sites are being considered, the facts should be made known. The rumour requires to be scotched—or a new lead given to private club or association enterprise.

## Contrasts In Colonising

**THE** discontents, deviations, and fears which have led to the purges and wholesale deportations in the European satellite States seem to have had their counterpart in the Muslim areas of Soviet Central Asia. Nationalist aspirations have their part in this wave of unrest there no less than the hostility to Soviet land policies. It is remarkable that the Muslims have been quiescent so long. The liberties promised in the early days were abolished almost as quickly, and the creation of the Central Asian Republics produced a local cultural revival, while denying all autonomy in politics and economics. A dispassionate study by Kathleen M. Stahl, published by Faber, of the Colonial systems of Britain and the Soviet Union reveals vital differences at all levels. Britain aims at teaching her Colonies to stand on their own feet and govern themselves. The Soviet tries to absorb them in a highly centralised Empire.

Both Powers have exported to their Colonies the guiding principles and political and legal patterns by which they rule at home. Britain's greatest contribution to colonial rule is political—the export and adaptation of her highly-perfected democratic art in the government of men by themselves. Soviet Russia's greatest contribution has been economic, but she has driven ahead on these lines at the cost of ignoring all other considerations of the indigenous peoples. Many individual rights, it is true, are written in the Soviet Constitution. But in every aspect of Soviet life, whenever these rights seem to conflict with the State or Party interests, they are ruthlessly overridden. This is not always the result of a despotic abuse of the Constitutional rights by the bureaucracy or the Party, but often the consequence of deadly "moving clauses" in the Constitution itself.



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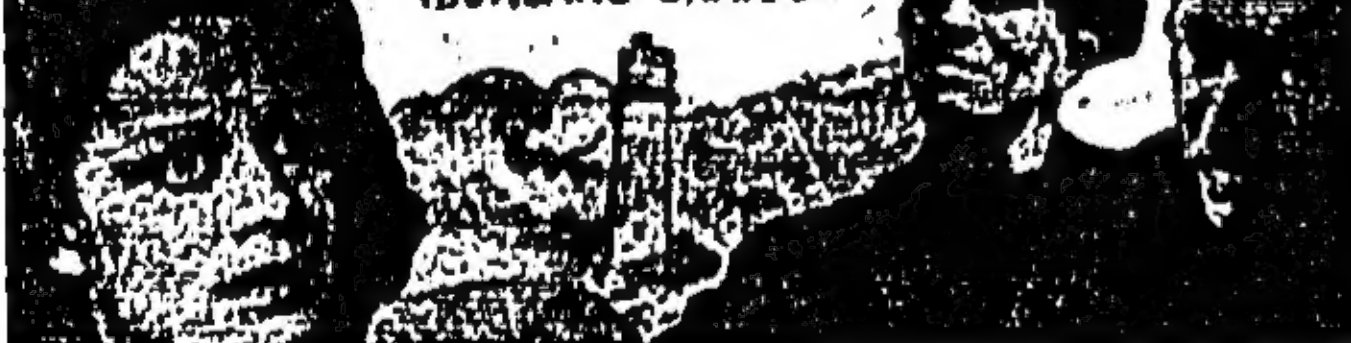
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## Murder Of Cabinet Minister



Pierre Chevallier, who had just been appointed Secretary of State for Technical Training in the new French Cabinet, was shot dead by five bullets in his home in New Orleans. His wife, shown above, is being held by the police.—AP Picture.

## FRANCE FEELING LEFT OUT

Paris, Aug. 20. France is becoming increasingly annoyed with Anglo-American policy in the Mediterranean and will press for a greater say in Near Eastern affairs at the Big Three Washington conference next month, reliable quarters said today.

Important members of the Government, while preoccupied with the internal crisis that still threatens political stability, are becoming more and more frank in their condemnation of the alleged high-handedness of the other two members of the Western coalition.

These quarters feel that both the United States and Britain have "overlooked" France in the entire question of defence in the Mediterranean area. One of the reasons behind the delay in the transfer of General Alphonse Juin, Resident-General of Morocco, to his post in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as commander of land forces, is suspicion of present British actions in the Middle East.

Under the headline "Uncertainties over the Mediterranean", Le Monde, a conservative paper, accused the United States and Britain of "forgetting" France in their Mediterranean military plan. "The Mediterranean policy of France is conspicuous by its absence from international plans for the defence of the area," said the paper, adding that France's two Western partners continued to "promote their own ideas about Mediterranean organisation and more concretely about defence of the Middle East, which is the key to the whole question."

The paper said it appeared "there might be a wish to neutralise the French presence in the Mediterranean by reminding her (France) of her own difficulties in North Africa" and then it reported a recent reception given in London by the Foreign Office for Habib Bourguin, Nationalist leader of French North Africa.—United Press.

## Needed: A Big Heave

Chicago, Aug. 20. The British deputy Conservative leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, said here tonight that "the abuse of the power of the veto and the intransigence of the Soviet Union have made agreement between the Great Powers impossible."

"They have compelled the free nations to create regional arrangements for their own security," he added. "The policy of intransigence upon which the free nations had embarked was likely to be a continuous burden," he said, and none could tell how long it would last.

But rearmament with all its difficulties was better than war. "We have to make a big heave now to leave this world," he said. "The free world has no choice but to rearm for defence."

## "Tough Facts For U.S. To Face"

Washington, Aug. 20.

Representative Melvin Price, member of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said in a House speech today that Russia "has more atom bombs than we expected and they are bigger and more powerful than previously believed."

## W. German Coalition Unshaken

Bonn, Aug. 20. The West German Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Franz Blucher, said today, after a two-hour conversation with the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, that they were agreed on the question of continuing their Coalition Government.

"For this, goodwill is needed on both sides," Dr. Blucher said. During Dr. Adenauer's four weeks' holiday in Switzerland from which he returned last week-end, Dr. Blucher threatened to resign from the Government if the differences over economic policy came to a head.

Dr. Blucher said that at tonight's conversation no decisions were taken. Among the items discussed by the two party leaders were the question of occupation costs, Germany's coal supply during the coming winter, the Rhine River port at Koblenz, recently returned to the Germans by the French, and the Chancellor's discussions in Switzerland with the trade union leader, Herr Christian Fette, on economic policy.

Asked whether he had reached full agreement with the Chancellor, Dr. Blucher said: "It is too early to say that. It would be a sad state in which Parliament and Government always agreed or all Cabinet decisions were taken unanimously."

"Such an agreement would only prove that everybody is asleep or that the State is undemocratic,"—Reuter.

## THAI-JAPANESE RELATIONS

Tokyo, Aug. 20. Thailand may re-establish diplomatic, commercial and aviation relations with Japan soon after the signing of the Japanese peace treaty, Minister Sanga Nilkanhuang, head of the Thai Diplomatic Mission here, told Kyodo News Agency today.

The Minister also said that Thailand would probably need a great number of technicians to develop its economic resources.—Reuter.

# T.U.C. LEADERS' WARNING

## Strain Of Rearmament Plans

### "Apparent That Increase In Wages Must Be Demanded"

London, Aug. 20.

British trade union leaders warned today that the nation's rearmament programme would mean considerable social and industrial strain even if inflation could be avoided.

At the same time, they gave a clear green light to workers to seek wage increases to keep pace with rising living costs.

Higher taxes on profits and price controls and subsidies to help reduce the cost of consumer goods were also urged.

## British Ship Disabled

Tokyo, Aug. 20.

The Japanese Maritime Safety Board said that Typhoon Margie disabled a British ship of unidentified tonnage yesterday morning east of Okinawa main island. Kyodo reported from Mito tonight.

The report said that five fishing vessels were also in distress.—Reuter.

## Fantastic Venture Of Pot-Holers

Padirac, Aug. 20.

Five pot-holers, who went down Padirac Cave, in South-West France, came back to the surface today after spending four days getting 400 yards nearer the true source of the Padirac River.

After advancing over four miles from the initial Padirac Cavern, they passed a chaotic mass of clay which had defeated previous explorers. This brought them to a huge cavern closed on the far side by a second wall of spongy clay, with holes five yards deep full of mud.

They could not get further but are determined to make another attempt next year to reach the source.

The explorers took with them 24 pneumatic tools, 200 yards of light steel laddering and 400 yards of nylon rope and lived on American Army ration plus vitamin tablets.

The initial Padirac Cavern is accessible to amateur pot-holers and a guide takes boat parties along the 800 yards of the hidden waterway.

When it was first discovered, the pot-holers could not determine what river it was. They threw 75 kilograms of fluorescent into the water and, four months later, bright green water emerged from the surface source of the Padirac River at Fontaine St. George, seven miles away.—Reuter.

## NEW RUSSIAN PINPRICK

Berlin, Aug. 20.

Allied officials disclosed tonight that the Russians had strengthened their economic blockade of Berlin and refused to pass three coal trains making daily runs from Western Germany to West Berlin.

The officials said the new restrictions went into force at Marienborn on the East-West German frontier on Friday. The Soviets have already blocked export from Berlin of goods ruled scarce in East Germany and forced the West to institute a commercial "baby air lift" to ship goods out. Officials do not take a serious view of the new ban. They said the three coal trains passing through Marienborn bore only a small part of the city's coal supply.—United Press.

## Visa For Gromyko

Moscow, Aug. 20.

The British Embassy today issued transit visas for England to M. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and other members of the Soviet delegation to attend the San Francisco Conference on the Japanese peace treaty. The delegation also have transit visas for France.—Reuter.

## COMMUNIST FESTIVAL WINDING UP

Berlin, Aug. 20.

"Operation Decampment" today dominated the dusty streets of East Berlin after the two-week Communist World Youth Festival.

Hundreds of thousands of blue-shirted West German youths headed for the main railway stations, either marching in columns or riding on lorries. Festival organisers hoped to take East German youths home during the next four days.

The West German delegates arranged to leave Berlin after farewell meetings with their East Berlin guests today.

Some of the foreign delegates will stay here a couple of days more before going on a sight-seeing tour of East Germany. They will visit nationalised factories.

Foreign cultural groups will repeat their performances of folk dances and songs in East German villages.

East Berlin papers today generally hailed the festival as "a mile-stone in the fight of world youth to achieve peace."

The East Berlin National Zeitung said: "Peace-fighters all over the world will not rest until they have frustrated all American plans to remilitarise Germany."

At Bad Hersfeld, Hesse, the West German police arrested 100 West German youths when they crossed the Thuringian-Hessian international border early today after attending the East Berlin Festival.

The police said that they confiscated large quantities of propaganda material. Many of the youths wore new blue-shirt uniforms, the police added. All were released after the police had noted their home addresses.—Reuter.

## POISONING STORY

Berlin, Aug. 20.

Herr Erich Honnecker, Chairman of East Germany's State-run Youth Organisation, announced today that "numerous agents" had been arrested in East Berlin during the Communist World Youth Festival.

He told reporters: "We have clamped down on quite a number of agents, including several who tried to poison the food of the Festival participants with certain tablets."

He refused to disclose details, but announced that the East German security service would shortly publish a report on the matter.

Herr Honnecker denied reports, which were published in West Berlin recently, that he had been sacked.

Herr Honnecker said that the West German police attempts to prevent youths from crossing the international border to attend the East Berlin Festival had made many West German boys and girls convinced peace fighters.

He said: "Such scandalous conditions will shortly be abolished by Germany's young peace fighters."—Reuter.

## Population Of Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 20.

The population of the Federation of Malaya now is well over the 5,000,000 mark. The Federal Government's annual report for 1950 showed 5,220,049 people living in Malaya. That was an increase of 144,701 over 1949.—Associated Press.

## Critical Session For Plevin

Paris, Aug. 20.

The French Prime Minister, M. Rene Plevin, "middle of the road" Government faces a short, but possibly critical, parliamentary session which opens tomorrow and is expected to last until the end of the month.

The debate on the issue of aiding Catholic schools, which are in financial difficulties, is to open on Thursday and the Government's existence may easily be at stake at some stage.

This question sharply divides the Assembly, because of traditional alignments between Catholics and anti-clericals.

Apart from the Premier's election on August 11, tomorrow will be the first time that the Government faces the new Parliament, elected last June.

A leftwing Radical, M. Plevin, heads a Centre combination of Radicals, Popular Republicans (MRP) and Independents without the Socialists.—Reuter.

## Zanzibar Post

Nairobi, Aug. 20.

Mr. John Dalzell Rankine, Chief Secretary of Kenya, has been appointed British Resident in Zanzibar, succeeding Sir Vincent Glenday, who is retiring.—Reuter.

## Garden plot

## POP





## HUSSEINI'S TALE OF FAVOURING A "SHAM" ATTACK

Amman, Aug. 20.

The chief accused in the Abdullah assassination trial here, Dr Musa Hussein, was said today to have admitted suggesting a "sham" murder attempt but to have opposed a genuine attack against the Jordan monarch.

The Court today heard three statements which he was alleged to have given the Attorney General on August 2, 3 and 6.

According to these, Hussein said that Musa Ahmed Ayubi, a former Jerusalem merchant who is being tried in his absence, was introduced to him by Abdel Qleke, a Jerusalem cattle merchant who is also on trial.

Ayubi had come to assassinate King Abdullah, according to the alleged statements, but Hussein told him that it was dangerous and harmful, adding that what were needed were "constructive measures."

Ayubi later again approached Hussein about an assassination, and asked if he had changed his mind. Hussein said that he had not.

Ayubi thereafter proposed the murder of less important people, according to Hussein's alleged statement. Hussein replied that a "sham" attempt might be made.

Other evidence about Ayubi's alleged activities was given by an Arab Legion Engineer Corps officer, Captain Kazem Badawi, who was called for the Prosecution.

Eleven months ago he said Musa Ayubi told him that a number of Syrian Army officers wanted to contact King Abdullah or the Arab Legion Chief of Staff about talks to implement the "Greater Syria" project.

The "Greater Syria" project was a dream of Abdullah for a union of Jordan, Syria and Iraq. It had a long history of opponents in the Middle East.

Captain Badawi told the Court that he informed the Chief of Staff, who advised him to tell Ayubi to go because he did not meddle in politics.—Reuter.

### FIRST PHASE

Amman, Aug. 21.

The purported confession of one of the alleged conspirators read in Court declared "the assassination of King Abdullah was the first phase of a plot aimed at eliminating the Hashimites."

The statement was from Dr Mousa el Hussein, a cousin of Haj Amin el Hussein, exiled Mufti of Jerusalem who has waged a long-standing feud with King Abdullah.

Abdullah and his royal cousins in neighbouring Iraq long dreamed of a union of Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine.

The Mufti and the Hussein family were bitter rivals of Abdullah for the rule of Palestine.

The statement said el Hussein plotted with Col. Abdullah el Tel, former Arab Legion

commander, who figured in the early fighting with the Jews of Israel, and then broke with King Abdullah and sought refuge in Cairo where the former Mufti is exiled.—Associated Press.

### PERSONAL SPITE?

Amman, Aug. 20.

The Attorney-General of Transjordan, Walid Bey Salah, who is prosecuting 10 men accused of plotting the murder of King Abdullah, said today that the motive behind the King's assassination was personal spite and not politics.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press, Walid Bey said the former Jordanian Officer, Lt.-Col. Abdullah el Tel, one of the defendants, who is being tried in absentia, became dissatisfied when his commission as Military Governor of Jerusalem was terminated.

El Tel is charged with guiding the plot against Abdullah and is now in exile in Cairo.

Another defendant is also on trial in absentia. The prosecution has claimed to have confessions from all the rest, but five defendants pleaded not guilty.

Walid Bey said el Tel had been very friendly with Israel when he occupied the post of Governor of Jerusalem and said he did not favour resistance against Israel.

The prosecutor called el Tel's alleged actions against Abdullah high treason against the Jordanian Army and said he had deserted the King who had been instrumental in his rise to high rank.

Walid Bey added that el Tel had started his career as a passport officer on the Syrian-Jordanian frontier and at that time was earning 23 sterling a month.—United Press.

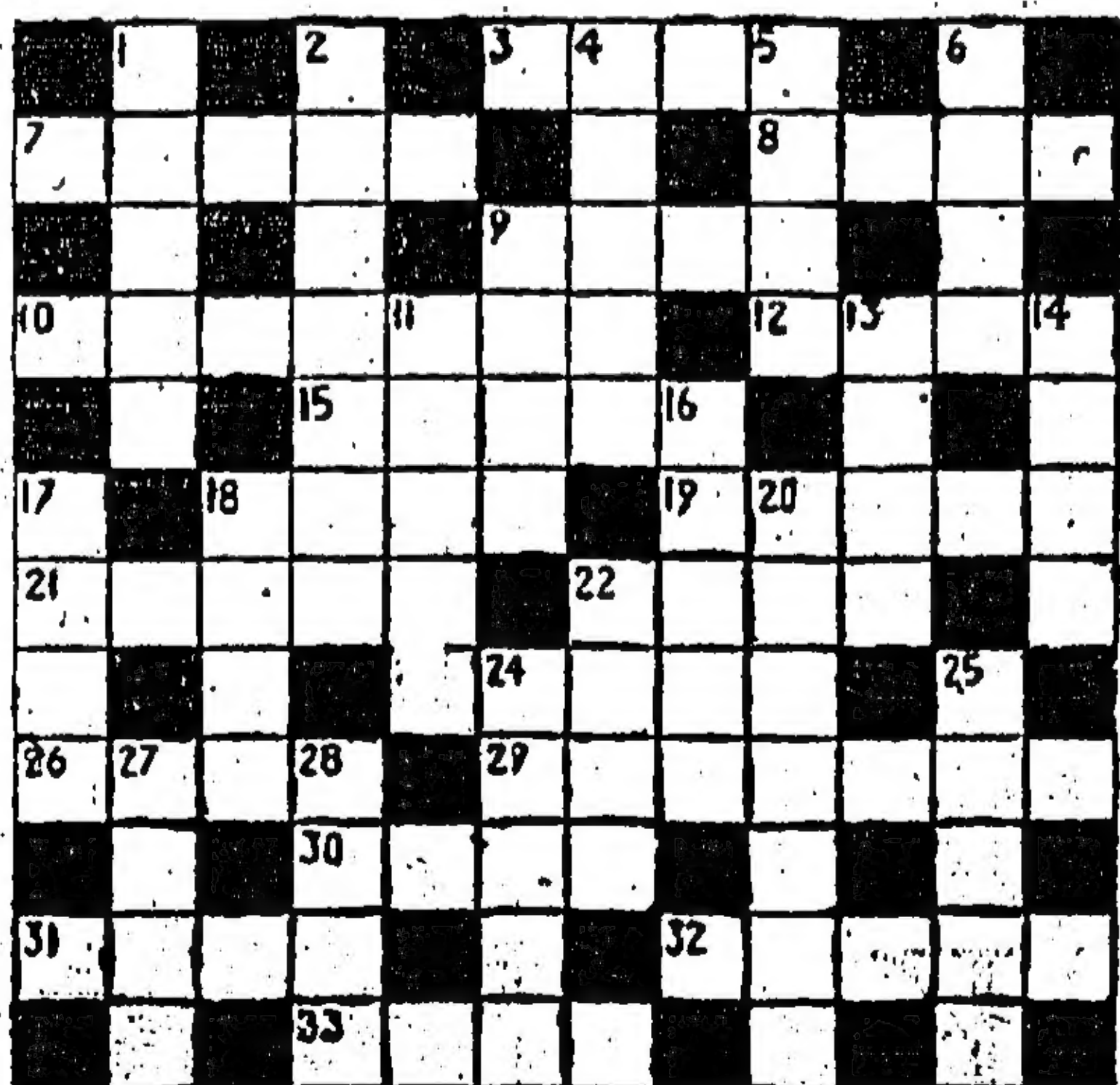
### Invitation To Patriarch

Geneva, Aug. 20.

An invitation to attend the third world conference on faith and order to be held in Sweden in August next year has been sent to the Russian Orthodox Patriarch in Moscow, it was announced here today by the World Council of Churches.

No invitation has been sent to the Vatican which, on previous occasions has indicated its inability to be represented officially, but it is hoped here that some members of the Roman Catholic Church would attend as observers.—Reuter.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>          | <b>DOWN</b>               |
| 3 Deep-sounding (4).   | 1 Piece of turf (5).      |
| 7 Enchantress (5).     | 2 Determines (7).         |
| 8 Fastened (4).        | 3 Separate (5).           |
| 9 Bundle (4).          | 4 Check (4).              |
| 10 Prefect (7).        | 5 Trial (4).              |
| 12 Insect (4).         | 6 Unlucky force (4).      |
| 15 Marks of blows (5). | 11 Annoy (5).             |
| 16 Drink (4).          | 13 Gem (4).               |
| 17 Egg-shaped (5).     | 14 Take notice (4).       |
| 21 Wrong (5).          | 15 In good condition (5). |
| 22 Fight (4).          | 16 Damsel (4).            |
| 23 Occurrence (5).     | 17 Gentle (4).            |
| 26 Extinct bird (4).   | 20 Old-timer (7).         |
| 29 Fighters (7).       | 22 Valley (4).            |
| 30 Mature (4).         | 24 Snake (5).             |
| 31 Comfortable (4).    | 25 Danger (5).            |
| 32 Sorcery (5).        | 26 Admits (4).            |
| 33 Narrative (4).      | 27 Carousal (4).          |

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Paused, 7. Alum, 9. Force, 10. Folan, 11. Avar, 12. Indefinite, 13. Idea, 14. Lout, 15. Stagnant, 22. Sign, 24. Cedar, 25. Sight, 26. Boy, 27. Styles, 28. Down: 3. Acid, 4. Shelf, 5. Defiant, 6. Fabled, 8. Duple, 9. Layed, 12. Roman, 13. Tides, 14. Extended, 17. Upright, 18. Shave, 20. Curly

## B-50 Crashes Into Apartment House



A B-50 bomber crashed through an apartment house and exploded against a hillside in Seattle's industrial section on Aug. 13, killing nine people. Photo shows the building burning, with burned-out cars and parts of the aircraft in centre of picture.—AP Photo.

## Expedition Finds Queen Of Sheba's City At Mareb

London, Aug. 20.

Archaeologists, probing in the ruins of Southern Arabia, believe that they will be able to throw light on the life of the mysterious Queen of Sheba, Mr Wendell Phillips, President of the American Foundation for the Study of Man, said here.

Mr Phillips, the leader of the million-dollar expedition, told a Press conference that he and his colleagues were the first white men to enter the city of Mareb, in Southern Arabia, regarded as the Queen's city.

The expedition, sponsored by the American Foundation for the Study of Man, comprises 38 American and European scholars.

The chief archaeologist, Professor W. F. Albright, from Johns Hopkins University, in the United States.

It has been in Arabia for the past two years. Excavations at Mareb began a few weeks ago, Mr Phillips said.

The expedition found that the city consisted of several hundred acres of ruins lying 70 feet under the sand with portions of temples and buildings protruding.

The city dated back to an unknown age—possibly before that of Abraham—2000 B.C. or even before that.

Two miles from the city was a great circular ruin, the Temple of Sheba, shaped like the Colosseum in Rome with a great monumental inscription. The party planned to excavate this temple in the immediate future.

### BURIED CITY

The people of this area in ancient time called themselves the "Children of the Moon."

The expedition had found a great "Moon Temple" with pillars protruding more than 30 feet out of the sand. Also in the area was a huge mound of sand, beneath which, according to legend, an entire city was preserved intact after being buried by a sandstorm.

"I believe, from my experience, that is very possible," Mr Phillips said.

The greatest sight of all, he added, was the Mareb Dam, which is mentioned in the Koran. A great irrigation pro-

## Jap Scandal Recalled

Tokyo, Aug. 20.

Japan's biggest post-war political scandal, the Showa Denko Fertiliser Company case, in which 2,700 million yen (\$2,470,000) is involved, will be reopened in Court hearings to begin tomorrow.

The scandal, which brought the downfall of the Asahida Cabinet three years ago, involves huge bribes alleged to have been paid by the company to Government officials in return for State loans.

A former Premier, Mr Hitoshi Asahida, former Finance Minister Mr Takeo Kurihara and Mr. Seisuke Hinochima, former President of the company, are among more than 50 defendants.

The Prosecution will open its case in a Tokyo district court tomorrow. The verdict is not expected until next year.

## Polio Epidemic In France

Paris, Aug. 20.

Eleven new cases of infantile paralysis have been reported this month from Eastern France, the Ministry of Health disclosed today.

Six were in the Moselle Department—nearest the Saar, where an epidemic of polio has claimed 109 victims—two each in the Haut Rhin and the Vosges and one in the Bas Rhin.

In France as a whole the outbreak, which reached its peak in July last year, is receding.—Reuter.

## To Be Tried In Absentia

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 20.

Luiz Carlos Prestes, leader of the Brazilian Communist Party, will be tried in the Criminal Court in his absence. It was announced today.

Prestes, generally believed to be still in Brazil and well-hidden by the Communist underground network, is charged with conspiring against the national security of Brazil.

Prestes headed the Communist revolution of 1935 against President Getulio Vargas and spent seven years in prison during the Vargas regime. He was released by a general amnesty and was elected a Communist Senator when the party was made a legal political organisation.

Prestes went underground when the party was again outlawed, and is believed to be directing the Communist Party's secret propaganda activities in the country.—Reuter.

## NATO Works On Expansion Plan

London, Aug. 20.

The North Atlantic Treaty Council of Deputies today worked on a report on the admission of Greece and Turkey to full membership of the Pact.

The report will be submitted to the Pact's 12 Foreign Ministers when they meet in Ottawa in mid-September.

A NATO spokesman said tonight that the final decision on whether to admit the two Balkan countries would be taken by the full NATO Council. It is understood in diplomatic quarters here that opposition to the admission by some members has now generally been withdrawn.

The deputies will continue their discussions on the report at their next few sessions in London before giving it final form.

Meanwhile, the permanent Military Standing Group of the Atlantic Pact in Washington has been examining the military aspects and implications of the admission of Greece and Turkey.

The general line of discussion in the Standing Group is believed to be that Greece should come under the Southern Command of General Dwight Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters and that Turkey should be included in a Middle East Command.

## U.S. SENDS MILITARY MISSION TO SPAIN

Washington, Aug. 20.

A United States military survey team has left for Madrid, Spain, the United States Defence Department said tonight.

The team had been named by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the result of the earlier visit to Spain of the late Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, then Chief of Naval Operations, the announcement said.

Admiral Sherman died recently in Naples, Italy, after discussing with the Spanish leader, General Franco, the use of Spanish naval and air bases by the United States.

The Defence Department said that the military team was headed by Air Force Major-General James W. Spry, now Commanding General, Atlantic Defence, military Air Transport Service, Westover Air Force Base. The other Air Force member is Colonel Gene H. Tibbets of Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington.

The Army members of the team are Brigadier-General Frank S. Benson, Office of Chief of Transportation in Washington, Brigadier-General Samuel G. Copley, of Headquarters, European Command, Heidelberg, Germany, and Lieutenant-Colonel David C. Wallace, Office of the Chief of Staff in Washington.

The Navy members are Rear-Admiral Robert L. Campbell, Chief of Staff, Commander Sixth Fleet, London, and Captain Henry J. Weil, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Washington.

The Department said that General Copley and his colleagues alternate from Europe would replace General Benson within a few days to allow General Benson to return to the United States.—Reuter.

United Press adds that the move indicated that American officials are fairly confident of reaching an agreement with General Franco regarding bases. Defence officials would not name any of the bases to be surveyed by United States officers.

## British Envoy To Israel

London, Aug. 20.

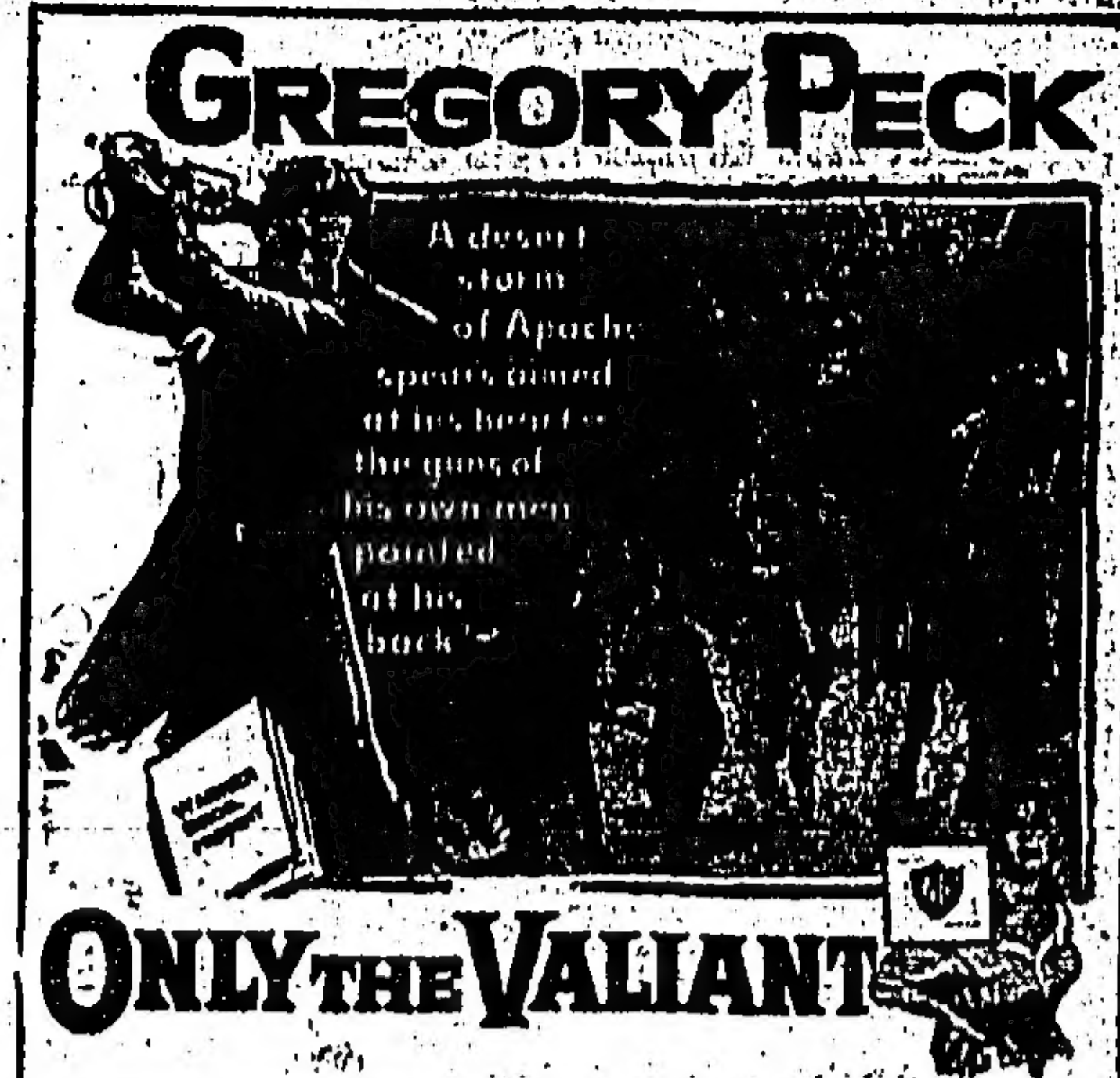
Sir Francis Edward Evans, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Tel-Aviv in succession to Sir Alexander Knox Helm, the Foreign Office announced today.

Sir Alexander Knox Helm has been appointed Ambassador to Ankara, replacing Sir Noel Charles, who is retiring.

The new Minister to Israel was until recently Consul-General in New York.—Reuter.

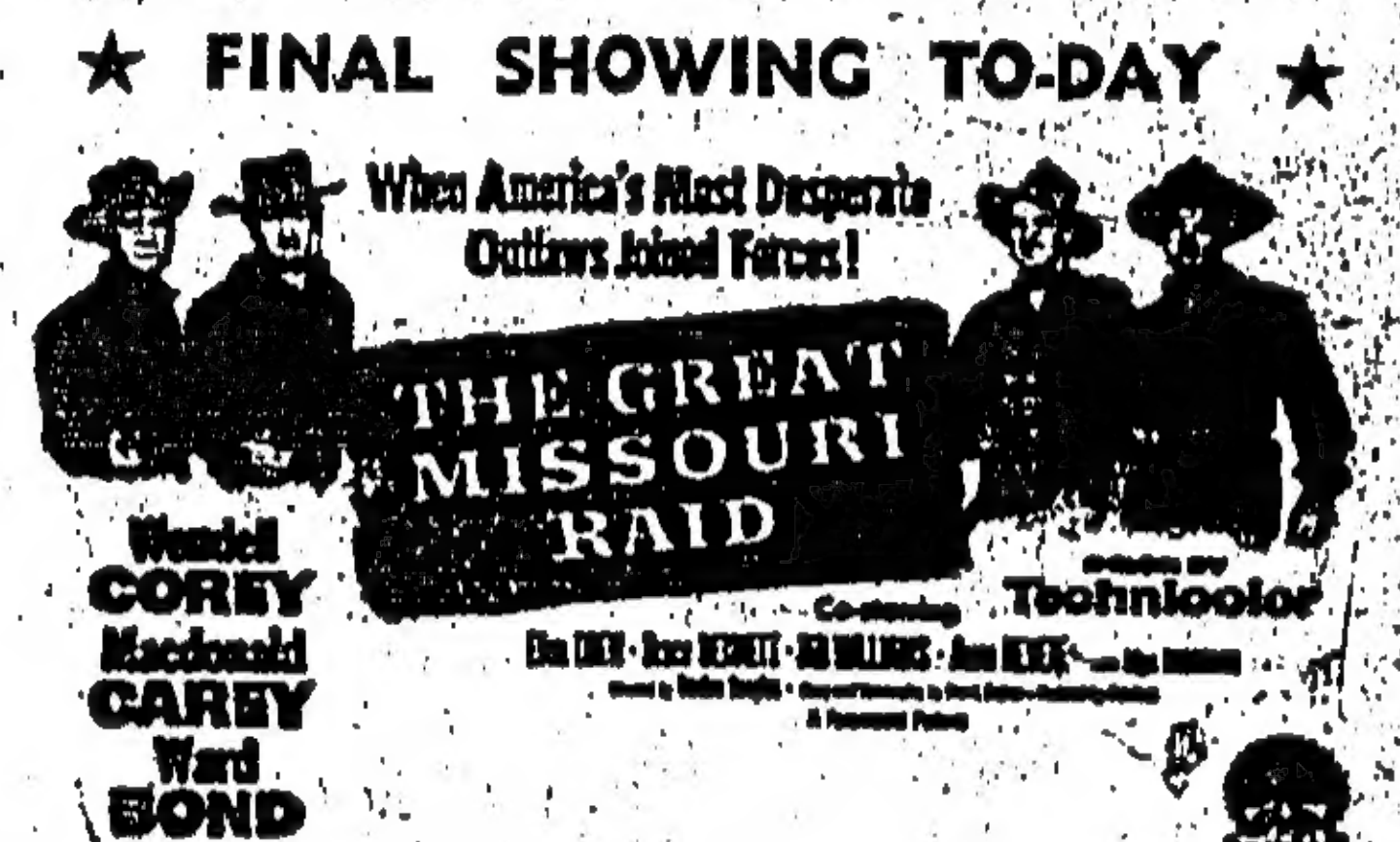
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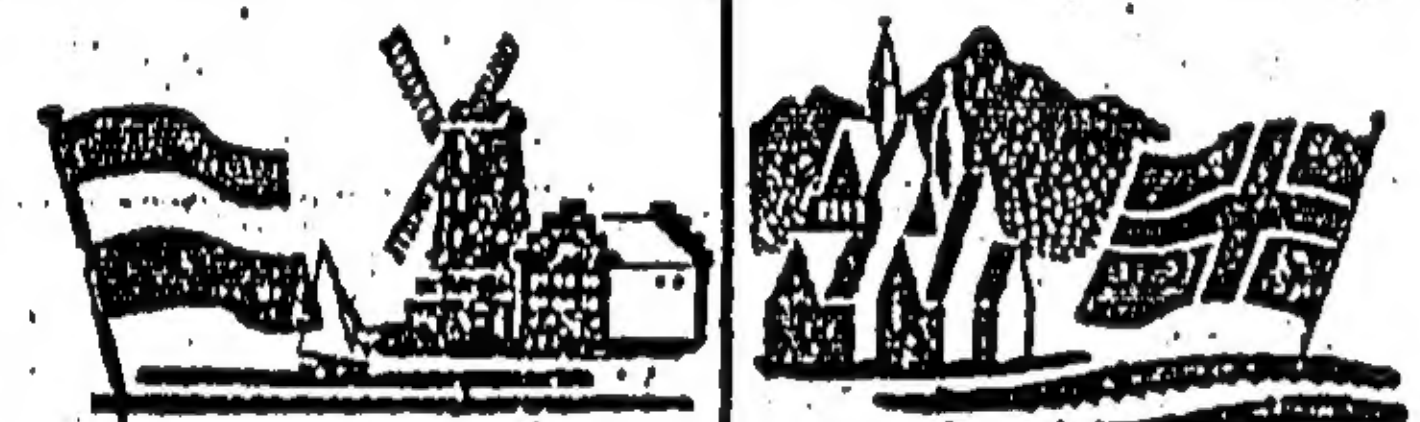
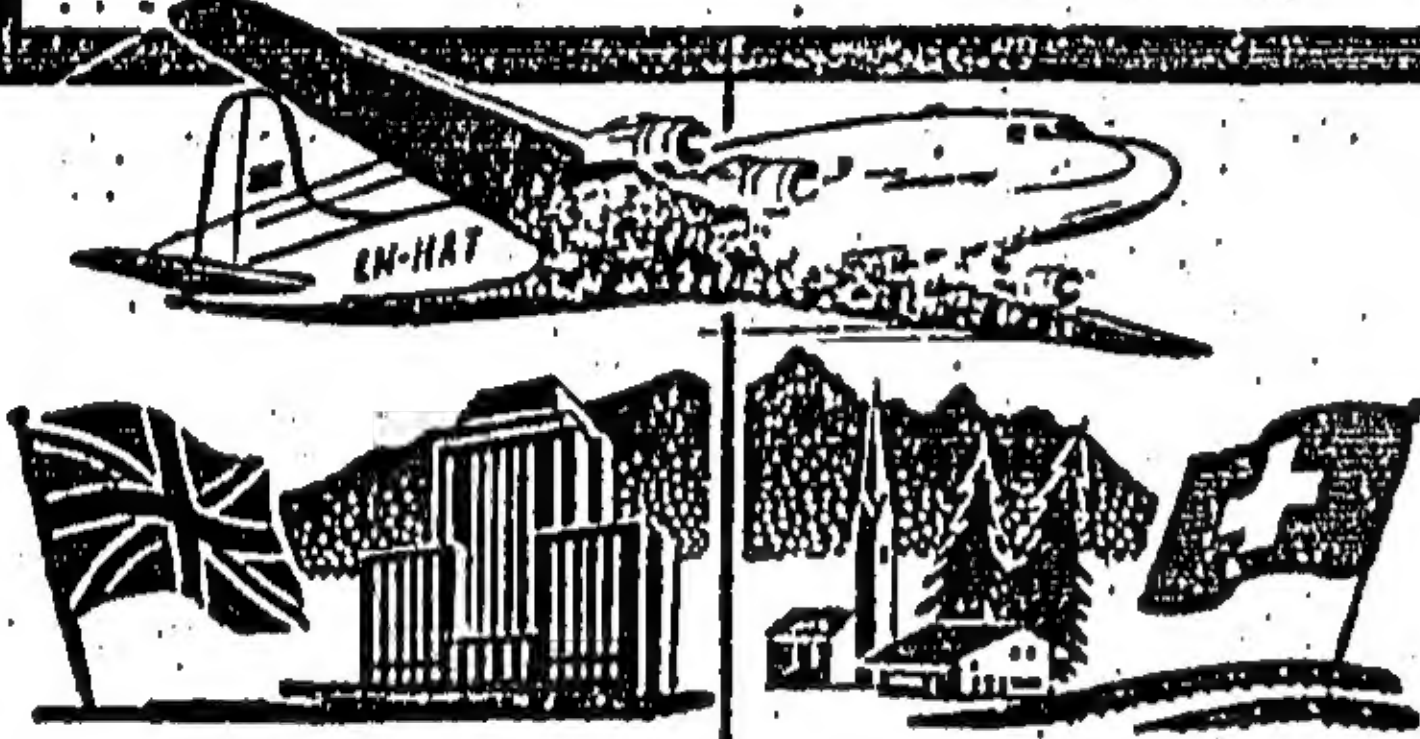
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## THE PRINCESS MARGARET ENCYCLOPÆDIA

INSTALMENT No. 2

Today from F to K—  
in Page Four's "pocket encyclopædia,"  
prepared to mark the  
birthday of the Princess,  
who is 21 today

**F** for Fashion  
and all its problems

"ONE DAY I shall dress like Aunt Marina," said the schoolgirl Princess, far too young to see what stood in the way.

Now she knows a Princess can rarely dress just to please herself; that royal clothes traditions must be observed; and that a frock fit for a Princess means, in practice, a frock fit for the crowds.

The Princess, because she is one, must be easy to see in a crowd. (No black; pastel shades always; and a hat that is a confession.)

She must always dress a little over-decorously to prevent Sunday school sniping. (No pretty deep cut day-dress necklines; flared skirts but never tube straight ones; evening dresses worn with shoulder straps.)

The Princess must conform to the clothes custom of her class, and never, never look unduly like. (A few real jewels, never a mass of artificial ones, however chic.)

But dress bill by dress bill the Princess has whittled away the view that royalty must have a style all its own.

She beat the ban on the little black dress by ordering two from Norman Hartnell. She compromised on one by wearing it in public under a bright sapphire blue coat. So far she has lost on the other. The Princess only wears it around the Palace.

She had a new idea or two on her traditional jewellery; she shortened her twin string of real pearls, and wore them as they did in Paris, with the clasp high up in front.

She won the battle to wear a low-cut, strapless evening dress the first week in May. But privilege was hastily withdrawn. On May 23 the straps came back, and there was a decorous strip of chiffon where there had been none before. (See picture.)

At Ascot this year she swapped one of the Queen's silver foxes for an excessively grown-up fox. A grey, mutation, milk wrap. And one day she drove around in a carriage in a small, simple white hat of the kind royalty rarely wears.



## THE 4 BASIC STYLES

drawn for you by ROBB

SIFTING THROUGH the pictures taken of the Princess in public this year, Robb selects four basic outfits to show the kind of clothes she wears most. THE FROCK: a slimy chignon dress with a full skirt, a high neckline, and a little cap-sleeved bolero. She wears this summer dress with long white gloves, and a picture hat. COAT: a plain tailored daycoat, with two large

There is still a long way to go, but little by little she is making it plain that she prefers the styles of the woman known as The Smart Aunt.

## ... Also for Funds

THEY could not agree in Parliament how much a Princess is worth. The debate on her coming-of-age salary, bottled in for a couple of days, and sounded strangely like the way family rows about money often do.

All the old differing voices that always crop up when money is mentioned cropped up once again.

He couldn't see what the fuss was about: "This is a very small bill. Next month the Princess Margaret comes of age and the annuity of £2,000 will become payable."—The Prime Minister.

He was all for making it a bit more: "I must remark that this £2,000 a year provided by Parliament in 1937 is now worth, I think, only £4,500 or even less."—Mr Winston Churchill.

He could not forget the past: "Has the Prime Minister forgotten that in 1937 the Labour Party opposed this £2,000?"—Mr Emrys Hughes, Socialist M. P. for S. Ayrshire.

He was all for a sense of proportion: "I think that in these days the sum of £2,000 a year, a larger sum than is paid to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and larger than is paid to the Foreign Secretary, and larger than is paid to the Leader of the House, should be examined very carefully before we pass it."—Also Mr Emrys Hughes.

He is sure a smaller sum would do: "I do not think there would be any serious deprivation of the good things of life for Princess Margaret if we did not take this £2,000 out of the Consolidated Fund."—Mr James Carmichael, Socialist M. P. for Bridgeton, Glasgow.

He knows of a worthier cause: "This morning I received a postcard which was quite unalloyed. I intend to quote it. Dear Sir, I cannot say where the Chancellor is going to put his money to pay Princess Margaret's £2,000."

every year, when he cannot find the money to pay women civil servants equal pay for equal work. I am not discussing the merits of it, I am showing the point of view of the ordinary woman."—Mr W. W. Hamilton, Socialist M. P. for W. Fife.

She feels a cut couldn't harm: "I have greatest admiration for Princess Margaret, first because she is a wee Scottish lassie, and secondly because she takes a great interest in the affairs of the country. . . but I am sure a reduction wouldn't entail any hardship on her."—Mrs Alice Cullen, Socialist M. P. for Gorbals, Glasgow.

But the royalists won the battle, and the Princess her pay.

**G** for the Guards—where so many of her friends belong

ONE OF the Princess's most devoted escorts is Mark Bonham Carter, ex-Guardsman.

To a girl who lives in a Palace, he brings a faint suggestion of a world outside. He works for a living, shares a home with a mother who actually cares about politics, and he reads the highbrow weeklies.

Mark, "Bonny Prince Carter" to those who know him best, is the 28-year-old son of Lady Violet Bonham Carter, and grandson of the great Liberal, Lord Oxford and Asquith. (He seems an awfully quotable chap, that grandfather of Mark's, and someone who must have heard it once too often.)

Somewhat Bonham Carter has managed to stay socially smart, despite his industrious background. "Princess Margaret is often seen by his side, and the young Prince's crowd rate him their resident intellectual."

Of politics, he says, he has

does like wearing rather bright suede shoes," explained a friend, "but by any standards, he talks brilliantly."

"You notice it particularly in our set, where anyone who keeps off racing and the South of France is considered a Noel Coward."

He accepts his social status with an overwhelming ease. Whenever, say, there is a ball at Buckingham Palace the next evening, he casually inquires of friends: "Shall I see you tomorrow night?"

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## —also for Holidays

"The Princess sailed away in a gondola."

The phrase has a promise of fairy-tale romance. BUT IN FACT:

A crowd of cameramen, controlled by a couple of Scotland Yard officers, angled for the best shot of the day, when half the town stretched its neck another inch and in the next half the three royal gowns passed down

## RUSSIA'S 350-ROOM PALACE IN BERLIN

By KENNETH AMES

IN Berlin's Unter Den Linden, Russia's newly completed 22,000,000 embassy glistens and sparkles above the greyneess of the surrounding ruins.

For stubby little Gregori Maximov Pushkin, Soviet Ambassador to Eastern Germany, has ordered no expense to be spared in fixing up his new headquarters.

Seven hundred workers have been employed for over two years constructing the 350-room palace which towers up, a mountain of gold and white stone, above the surrounding morass of

shattered homes and offices. Marble, rare hardwoods, panelling, rare tapestries and gallons of gilt paint have been brought from Eastern Europe and Asiatic countries to make the building fit for a Communist ambassador.

Deciding to combine comfort and convenience and centralise their installations, the planners, workmen say, have included the NKWD detention prison in the basement of the embassy building. Their minute windows heavily barred, they are reported to measure approximately 6 feet by 8 feet and

to be fitted with familiar instruments of persuasion. The walls of these cells are over one yard thick. On the blueprint plans they are marked as "Treasury Strong Rooms".

If the visitor is interested he may approach the 100 yards embassy frontage, wheel in through the high wrought iron gates and up the steps to the heavy main door, a mass of ebony and gilt paint.

At the moment a solitary black-uniformed Communist policeman guards the entrance. But after the official opening, on the October Revolution Day, he will probably be replaced by a brace of Soviet Army sentries with "burp" guns.

In the main entrance hall, you gaze up into the 70-foot high dome. Above that stretches a white stone tower surmounted by a 6-foot Soviet star which is to be lighted at night.

## Like a cave

CAREFUL how you tread, for the parquet floors are of highly polished walnut and oak. Straight ahead, up the wide marble steps, is the "piece de resistance" of the whole building—the Great Banqueting Hall, a vast chamber 70 feet long that echoes like a cave. The walls, not unlike those of the old Reichs Chancellery which once stood round the corner, a garish mixture of marble, veneer, mahogany and heavy tapestries. Most impressive, in a Wagnerian sort of way.

On either side are exquisitely furnished salons and alcoves, each of them furnished in a different period and silent with heavy carpets brought from Samarkand and Turkestan.

Extensive winter gardens with tropical plants, elaborate fountains, kitchens, dining halls, Turkish baths and three bars (oh yes, and a few offices above), go to complete the opulent headquarters from which Gregory Pushkin will direct Russian activities in this part of the world. Conveniently, he will be situated only a stone's throw from the British Sector, just beyond the Brandenburg Gate.

## "Fraulein-Room"

AT the top of the four-storey building is a row of self-contained flats, varying in size from one to five rooms, each with its own bathroom and a curiously labelled "Fraulein-Room." A beautifully equipped children's nursery ("creche" is probably the correct title) suggests that diplomatic visitors are going to arrive with their complete families.

Now that the Imperial Palace and Hitler's old Reichs Chancellery are being demolished to make more room for mass demonstrations, the new Soviet Embassy becomes Berlin's most lavish centre of social entertainment.

Moreover, it will be carrying on a great tradition.

For it was at the earlier Russian Embassy, destroyed by Royal Air Force fire bombs during a gigantic party, that Berlin's most glittering diplomatic receptions were given. Lavish spectacles which made any of the "capitalist imperialistic" efforts seem like suburban tea parties in comparison.

## J for the Jewellery she chooses

ONE of the pleasant things about being a princess is the diamonds you get without having to pay for them.

Princess Margaret already owns a notable collection.

But nevertheless these are days of recent splendour. For the Princess was brought up, like most little British girls with a fortune awaiting them, on a much plainer diet.

At two she was photographed in her first necklace, a circle of pink, roughly graded corals.

At seven she was given two strings of small real pearls.

At 15 she wore her first diamond clip, a small thistle shape, easily lost on a tweed lapel.

At 19 she acquired a three-strand string of pearls to match her babyhood necklace. But at the bold age of 20 the Princess dipped more deeply into the royal treasures. She has been photographed during the day wearing a choice of five diamond flower sprays, and for evening wear this year she has slipped on a diamond necklace, a diamond brooch, and a sparkling line in tins.

## K for the King—and a story

THE PRINCESS's party at the "400" nightclub had been tremendous fun, lots of champagne, just a few very close friends, and all the tunes she had specially asked for.

A girl friend of the friendliest sort was talking away to the Princess about her family. "Oh, by the way, how's your father?" she asked, casually. Princess Margaret looked the way 20-year-olds rarely can so late at night when the party is fun.

"It means you mean the Majesty the King," she replied. The party folded up stumpy, and didn't bother to stay for the next dance.

(TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW)



"Detecting mine nothing! He buried his father somewhere round here this morning and here he is the return tomorrow!"





"She just left with another guy—they're probably looking for you."

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

**HEART-RENDING** questions have been asked about the apparent absence of the elusive Mimsie Sloper from the jamboree connected with the Festival.

It is conceivable that, in such a democracy as ours, there is no official employment for this role of English girlhood. She has been little before the public lately, apart from a three-day appearance in Sheffield as Miss Utility Dumbell, and a brief visit to Runcorn as the House and Freightage Queen of 1951. One explanation of her inactivity is that she is so finicky. When she was invited to christen the new gas container at Shrewsbury, she refused to be kissed by Councillor Tudmarsh.

### No words wasted

A PEEVISH writer producing elaborate and sarcastic sentences about a politician missed fire completely. Into my mind came the magnificent warning of Mr. Hilarie Bolloc to Ramsay MacDonald: "Take care, lest I make you immortal with an epigram!"

### Fumbling before the Commission

MR VINCENT FUMBLING was questioned by the Commission yesterday at King's Knuckelbutter. Mrs. Wretch asked him why he

could not sleep in an ordinary bowler, with a brim. He explained that the brim would get in the way of the pillow.

Mrs. Wretch: Even if you lie down slowly and carefully?

Fumbling: Yes, unless I hold it on with both hands.

Cocklecarrot: Perhaps a smaller brim would be possible?

Mrs. Wretch: Or a harder brim, which would dent the pillow, and so keep the hat on the head?

"Zip!" Fastener: A cap is the ideal hat to sleep in.

Mrs. Quaylins: No doubt. But we are discussing bowlers.

Cocklecarrot: Mr. Fumbling, wouldn't you agree that the easiest way to sleep is to wear no hat at all?

Fumbling (puzzled): Of course.

**In passing**

SOMEONE asks me what makes Cabinet Ministers so vain. One cause of their vanity is that they become accustomed to seeing some such statement as "Our aim is peace, greeted as though it were a major contribution to political thought. Another cause is the courteous aplomb which greets them on the platform, and which is always mistaken for a demonstration of affection and a proof of TOMORROW: How I gained 173lb. in five days: by Mops, the elephant.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

**BORN** today, you have what is sometimes called the "hard eye." You intuitively know how to act in a crisis and often even know beforehand what is going to happen. This gift is apt to make your influence over others rather strong. Be sure to use it wisely, at all times.

Fortunately, you are unselfish, thoughtful of others, and have the sign's gift for diplomacy. You will make many close friends, your emotions are strong and your imagination keen.

Although scientifically inclined, you are also fond of the arts, especially music and literature. If you put all your talents to work, you should find an early success can be yours. But if you use your energies in just having fun, you may find you do not reach beyond the stage of being average, despite your outstanding talents.

Your life is likely to run in cycles of good and bad fortune. Be guided at the times when the "signs are right." It is likely that during the third week of December will prove an exciting turning point in your life. It may bring you your greatest happiness, as well. You will be wise not to attempt new projects during the month of June as this is not your most auspicious month.

You attract the intelligent members of both sexes into your circle and might become their mentor. Be cautious in marriage, as your temperament is an exciting one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birth date and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—A cycle is changing, so see that all that needs to be done, under your own hand, is successfully completed.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Some trusted friend may not prove worthy of your confidence. Be cautious today of what you say, and to whom.

**LIDRA** (Aest. 24-Oct. 23)—A time for constructive action on your future programme. Make a good start in the right direction.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Act. Don't talk about it! If you do, you can make this a significant day in your life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—He who is in business must be sure that budget and income can be reconciled.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Perhaps you can write a letter to someone who is in the dumps and send along some cheer.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Put your wardrobe in good condition for the coming autumn. Buy the clothing you need, too.

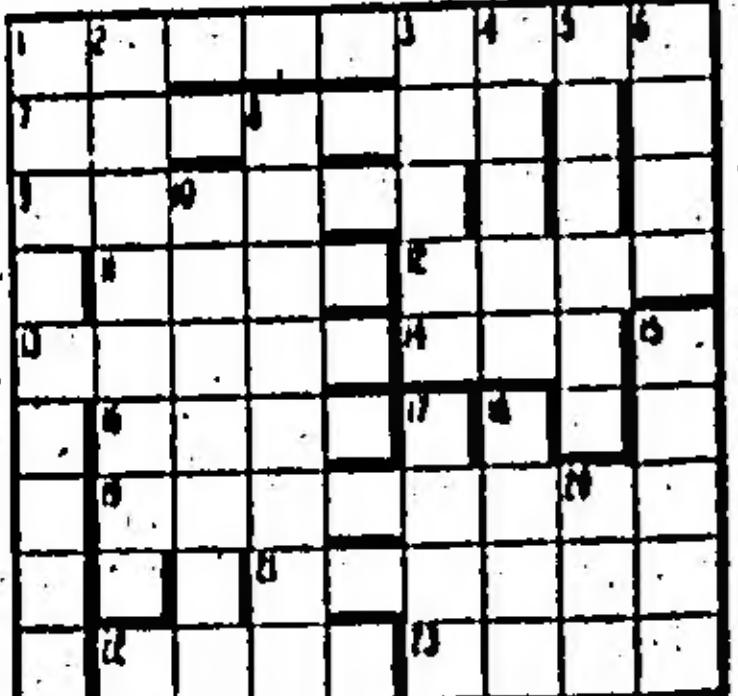
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Mechanical gadgets get out of order! See that your household appliances are in working condition. Avoid accident.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Extravagance is something you must guard against right now. Be thrifty to get what you want.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Compliment the good you see rather than complain about the bad—and you will find it works like a charm.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—This is a time for you to show your initiative and individuality to make the progress you desire.

## CROSSWORD



- When the dust in the liner was produced? (4)
- Here you have reference. (7)
- May a user's capacity of headspace when turned. (6)
- Infused from a leaking also barrel. (6)
- His actions are quite mechanical. (5)
- A prophet in reliable circumstances. (8)
- One of those of Hoffmann? (6)
- Having a golden future. (6)
- Generally a merchant. (6)
- Where you may get none? (4)
- Unadorned. (4)

- Down
- Among the survey. (6)
- Suggestive of the jumpy variety. (6)
- City that suggests a name that is long. (6)
- Quite customary. (6)
- Powerful explosive, including sawdust. (6)
- To tell would produce a sticky hue. (6)
- Music meeting. (7)
- So still that you could almost bury it. (6)
- A word-out horse. (6)
- It was customary about four days ago to let all hours of the day. (6)

## INTELLIGENCE TEST

By T. O. HARE

**GO KEEN**

MARIE MARMOSSET received a "secret" message from Hattie Hedgehog, who, like Marie, is in the fifth form at the local High School. It must have taken Hattie quite a long time to compose, addressed to JULIA, JUAN, and GO KEEN, WHOSE MARY GO STOKOL.

Maria was dumfounded by this strange code, though her father solved it very quickly. He could not resist sending Hattie a postcard with the message: GO KEEN, JULIA, JUAN, and GO STOKOL.

Can you decipher the message? Here Hattie's:

## STANDARD BRIDGE

by M. HARRISON-GRAY  
Dealer: South.  
Game all.

W 17 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Both South and North had a close decision after One Heart by South. Two Clubs by North. Two Diamonds by South. A simple preference bid of Two Hearts by North. South made another try with Three Hearts and North could just scrape up a ruse to Four.

West led ♠ 2, suggesting exactly four Spades. East won with ♠ A and continued with ♠ Q and a third Spade, forcing dummy to run. He assumed that South's suit pattern was 5-3-1, and this defence was necessary to prevent ♠ J serving as an entry for the established Club suit. West won the next trick with ♠ A and had a safe exit with ♠ 10 or a trump.

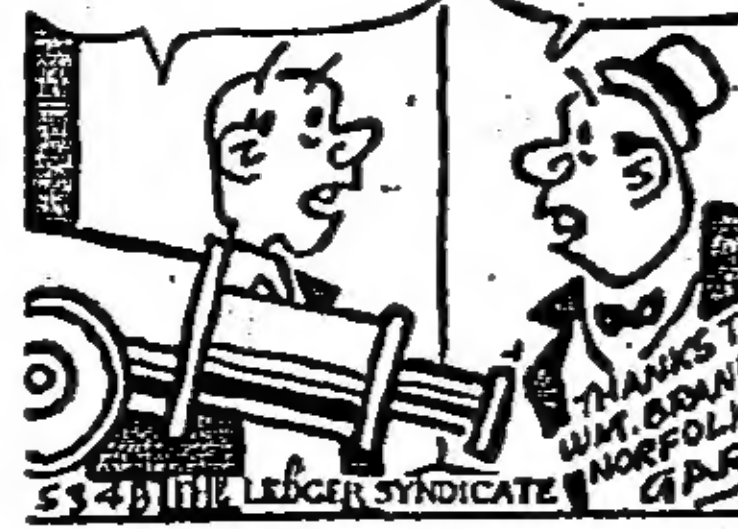
The third round of Clubs could be ruffed by East to stop South discarding a second Diamond.

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## DUMB-BELLS

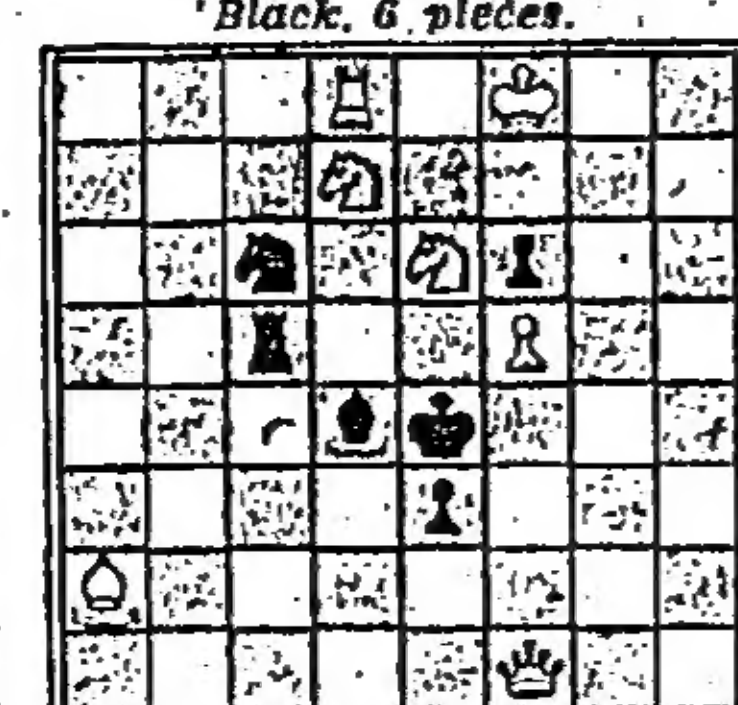
THE LIGHT OF THE PLANET I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU TAKES FIVE HOURS TO REACH THE EARTH!

VERY INTERESTING BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG!



## CHESS PROBLEM

By G. STREATH  
(BCE Journey 63)  
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K2; threat 2. QxP. 1... P-K15; 2. Q-Q1; 1... K1-B3; 2. B-B5 (ch); 1... P-K1P; 2. P-QB5 (ch); 1... P-QBP; 2. BxKt (ch).

## Check Your Knowledge

- What African city is named after an American President?
  - In connection with the theatre what is known as the greenroom?
  - What city is sometimes called the "Paris of the Balkans"?
  - Name the two states in the United States which are peninsulas.
  - Who was called "Doctor Admirabilis"?
  - What is the calibre of the new British rifle which has lately been in the news?
- (Answers on Page 10)

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"—and in carrying out your new duties, Ellabrace, let it always be your aim to temper the social bonhomie of the commission agent with the quiet severity of the civil servant!"

# WOMANSENSE

MEAT SALAD CONTINENTAL: ONE OF THE SALADS WE FOUND IN FRANCE IT HELPS THE MEAT OUT TOO!

CUT UP SOME COLD POTATOES IN SMALL DICE

AND MIX THEM WITH...

DICE OF ANY COLOUR OR TINNED MEAT YOU HAVE

SOME DICED ANCHOVIES

LITTLE CUBES OF BEETROOT AND SLICED PICKLED GHERKINS

MIX WELL TOGETHER AND DRESS WITH GARLIC CREAM OR FRENCH DRESSING 1/2 VINEGAR, 1/2 OIL, SALT & PEPPER

AND SPRINKLE WITH CHOPPED PARSLEY AND MINCED SPRING ONIONS OR CHIVES

IF YOU DON'T LIKE PICKLES, LEAVE OUT THE GHERKINS AND USE DICED APPLES INSTEAD

\* IF YOU HAVEN'T ANY, ADD A LITTLE ANCHOVY ESSENCE TO THE DRESSING

## Pick Gardening or Tailoring

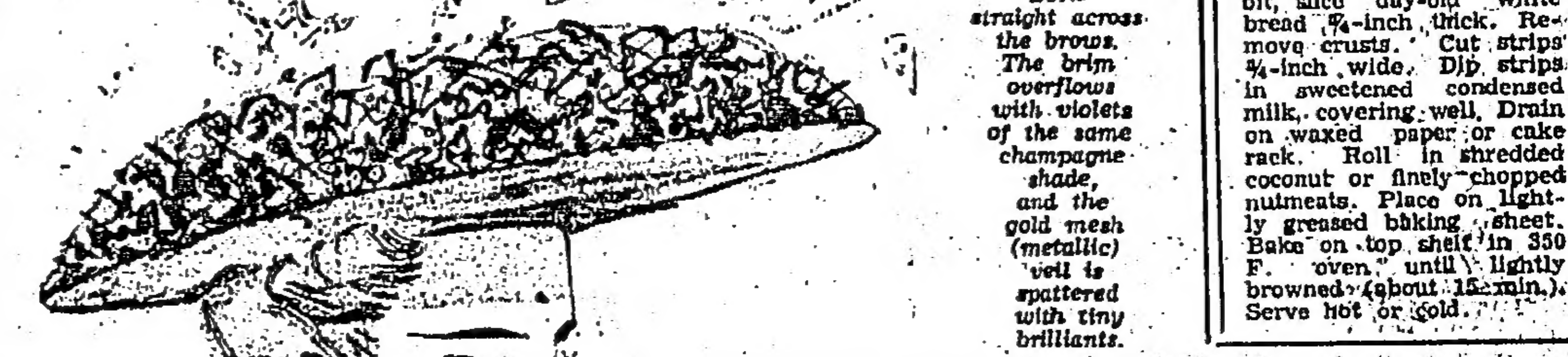
For That "Cheeseless" Cheese Cake

OUR cooking expert has worked out something that she calls a "cheeseless cheese cake," but, for all its name, it is fine. So here it is!

Separate 4 eggs. Beat yolks, then add 1 1/2 c. (15 oz. tin) sweetened condensed milk, mixing well. Add 1/3 c. lemon juice, tsp. each grated lemon rind and vanilla extract, and 1/2 tsp. nutmeg; blend well. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; fold into milk mixture. Combine 12 zwieback rolled into crumbs (2/3 c. crumbs) and 2 tsp. melted butter. Sprinkle buttered pan (8 x 8 x 2 inch square, or 9 x 2 inch circular) with half the crumbs. Pour in mixture, then sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Bake in slow oven (325 F.) 30 min. Cool for an hour in oven with door closed.

**Sweet Tidbit**

For a quick sweet tidbit, slice day-old white bread 1/4-inch thick. Remove crusts. Cut strips 1/4-inch wide. Dip strips in sweetened condensed milk, covering well. Drain on waxed paper or cake rack. Roll in shredded coconut or finely-chopped nuts. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake on top shelf in 350 F. oven until lightly browned (about 15 min.). Serve hot or cold.



## Bridal Sleeve Vogue

There is a California autumn collection illustrating several new fashion trends in bridals. Sleeve fantasy involves width, skirt fullness underlined by crinolines but kept smooth through the hips, dimensional-looking decoration as in the Swiss velvet-embroidered leaves making the bodices. Folds of the silk organdie are laid into fine tucks for an appealing bodice. Suggested with long kid gloves which are gaining as a fashion with smart brides.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Know Where Shoes Came From?

—Or Who Invented Steps, Or Mirrors, Or Cake?

By MAX TRELL

Here Hanid, who thought this was rather a long speech for General Tin the tin soldier to make, asked him what more useful things he meant.

"Lots of them," replied General Tin. "For instance, shoes. Who invented shoes?"

He paused.

After thinking about this for several minutes Knarf and Hanid decided they didn't know who invented shoes. "Who did?" they asked the General.

**Wonderful Man**

"I don't know," he said. "But whoever he was he was a wonderful man. Imagine having to walk around without shoes—imagine having to go barefooted all the time!"

"I like going barefooted," said Knarf.

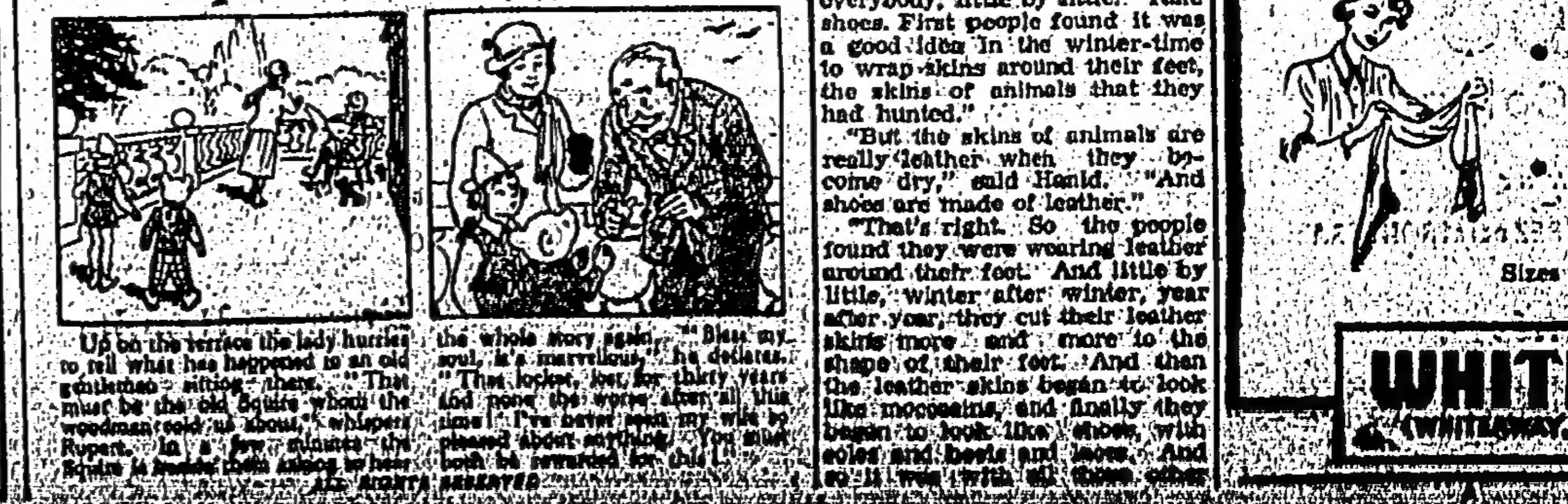
General Tin grunted in disapproval. "You wouldn't like it on a cold rainy day. And who," he added, "invented steps?" He paused again.

And again Knarf and Hanid, after trying to think who had invented steps, asked: "Who did, General?"

"I don't know. But steps are a wonderful invention. How would you go upstairs if you didn't have steps? And how would you come down again?"

"Nobody knows the names of the inventors," said General Tin.

## Rupert and Simon—38



## Pointers On Darning

By ELEANOR ROSS

EVERY household chore can be made interesting. It's all in the way one looks at it; even darning can be made interesting.

Since, despite all the wonder fabrics, many items require darning if they are to stay in circulation.

**SHEER FABRICS.** If darning a sheer fabric, place a piece of net under the fabric to reinforce it. To actually darn by hand, darn on the right side of the fabric and do not make a knot in the thread. Never draw the thread tight and leave a darning loop at the end of each row to prevent puckering. On a firmly woven fabric, the thread should of course be drawn tighter than on a loosely woven one. Start and end the running stitches about a quarter inch from the actual hole to keep the edges from pulling out. Here's where the small embroidery hoop comes in—use it to hold the fabric in place as you darn.

**PATTERN OF FABRIC.** The edges of the hole are best trimmed to a square or oblong shape before getting under way. It takes only a little experience to weave the stitches carefully over the hole following the pattern of the fabric. For a diagonal tear, the edges should first be fitted together and held in place with a few basting stitches. Run fine darning stitches across the tear, and, for reinforcement, weave the stitches in the opposite direction. When darning a stocking, place right side out on darning egg. Trim raw edges of hole carefully.

## Adds Glamour



**COSTUME—Jewellery**—with a genuine look, fine enough to accompany the most luxurious of clothes, is the outstanding feature of the new season. Halbe, who helped set this trend, has designed this beautiful necklace in pearls and barrel-shaped jeweled beads, exciting enough on its own but doubly so when paired and set off by matching earrings.

# GLAMOUROUS CLINGING MOJUD NYLONS

There's DOUBLE the wear in the second pair...

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# ANOTHER CHANCE FOR D. B. CARR ON THE INDIA TOUR

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

Last player to accept the MCC's invitation to tour India, Pakistan and Ceylon during the coming winter is D. B. Carr, the 24-year-old Oxford University captain, who first sprang into prominence six years ago when he played for England against Australia in the "Victory" Test at Lord's.

Carr is an attractive right-hand batsman, useful slow left-arm bowler and a fine fieldman for whom a bright future has long and repeatedly been predicted.

The Indian tour may bring him right to the forefront, and as he is due to take up an appointment with a brewery firm in Derby at the end of his season, it is probable that he will be available to play much more frequently for Derbyshire in the years to come. He was awarded his Blue in 1949, when he made the highest score of his career by scoring 170 against Leicestershire at Oxford, and in the following year he took six Lancashire wickets for only 38 on the same ground. He hit a fine half-century in the Varsity match last month.

Last season, he was one of many failures in that extraordinary Test Trial at Bradford, when Surrey's Jim Laker took eight wickets for two runs.

Carr made his debut for Derbyshire as long ago as May, 1940, but he has since been able to make only rare appearances for them because of his studies. Last season, he battled only six times for the County, but topped the averages with 43 runs per innings.

This summer, only a declaration in the second innings robbed him of scoring two centuries in one match. He was 94 not out in his second knock when the closure was applied. Apart from his ability as a cricketer, he is also a clever footballer, and won his Blue as an outside-left last April. He played as inside-left in the Pegasus team which defeated Bishop Auckland in the Amateur Cup Final at Wembley.

**CHELSEA LOSES PLAYERS**

Many well-known players have been leaving Stamford Bridge or refusing to sign terms for the coming season, and the Pensioners who maintained their Division One status by a hair's breadth last April, will bear a very strange look when they take the field on August 19.

John Harris, 31-year-old Scottish war-time international and Chelsea's skipper last winter, has refused to resign, as has English international centre-forward Roy Bentley.

Hugh Billington and Danny Winter have both joined Worcester City, the Southern League Club, and Fred Jenkins (who cost the Pensioners £17,000 when they signed him from Queen of the South a year ago) and Wing forward Charles Dyke, have gone to Barry Town, another non-League Club.

Chelsea received nothing in transfer fees for these four players. The club is also having difficulties with Frank Mitchell, who has become manager of the Plough Inn near Penzance and wants to become Manager-coach of Penzance F.C.

Frank cost Chelsea £15,000 when they obtained him from Birmingham three years ago. Billy Hughes, on the Chelsea transfer list too, is also expected to be playing Southern League football soon for Hereford United.

Francis Johns, the West Ham inside-forward, is having a month's trial with Cardiff City. Jack Howe, the former Hartlepool United, Derby County and Huddersfield Town left-back, who has been capped for England, has been appointed player-manager of King's Lynn in the Eastern Counties League. Notts County have signed Roy Brown, 23-year-old, stocky built, outside-left from Queen's Park, who played in three Amateur International matches for Scotland, and Alfred Bellis, the outside-left who scored the vital goals which kept Bury in the Second Division last season, has been transferred to Swansea Town.

## TODAY'S SPORT

**FOOTBALL**  
HKFA Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.  
**LAWN BOWLS**  
Colony Open Singles at KBGC.



## THE GAMBOLS



## Australian LTA Selects Davis Cup Defenders

Melbourne, Aug. 20. The Australian Lawn Tennis Association announced here today the three-man squad to prepare for the defence of the Davis Cup at the White City, Sydney, on December 26.

The players chosen are Frank Sedgman, Ken McGregor and Mervyn Rose. Provision has been made to add to the team if necessary.

Harry Hopman, a former Cup player, will be non-playing captain and manager.—Reuter.

## Zuccherro The Favourite For St. Leger

London, Aug. 20. Mr George Rolls' temperamental colt, Zuccherro, the runner-up in the Festival of Britain Stakes last month, was made the favourite for the St. Leger, the final classic of the season, at the Victoria Club callover here tonight.

Zuccherro, who was beaten four lengths by Le Sage in a two-horse race at Newbury last Saturday, was offered at 4 to 1. The Aga Khan's Irish Derby winner, Fraise du Bois, is the second favourite at 11 to 2, and the Epsom Derby runner-up, Sybil's Nephew, was the best backed candidate at 7 to 1.

Two French horses, Mystery IX, the winner of the Eclipse Stakes, and M. Boussie's Flamboyant III, were among the 12 horses quoted.

The closing offers for the race, which is to be run on September 16, were:

4 to 1 Zuccherro.  
11 to 2 Fraise du Bois.  
7 to 1 Sybil's Nephew.  
10 to 1 Daneshill and Aquino II.  
100 to 9 Mystery IX.  
20 to 1 Signal Box.  
25 to 1 Gallop Green and Expedition.

The next callover is on Monday, August 27.—Reuter.

**NUNTHORPE STAKES**  
London, Aug. 20. Six crack sprinters are under orders for the Nunthorpe Stakes, to be run over five furlongs at 1.30 p.m. GMT, at York tomorrow.

Probable runners, with jockeys, are: Make Cracks 9 st. 5 lbs. (W. H. Carr); Fair Seller 9/5 (R. Sheather); Some Bloom 9/5 (K. Gohin); Tancered 9/5 (W. Rickaby); Royal Serenade 9 st. (E. C. Elliott); and Stephen Paul 9 st. (Gordon Richards)—Reuter.

## TOUR OF BRITAIN

London, Aug. 20. Dave Bedwell, the British Road Race Champion, won the second stage of the Tour of Britain cycle race today. He covered the 153 kilometres (about 95 miles) along the south coast from Brighton (Sussex) to Bournemouth (Hampshire) in 4 hrs. 6 mins. 47 sec.

In the general classification, Edmond Pierre, of France, leads with an aggregate time of 8 hrs. 5 mins. 48 sec. Bedwell is second, 11 seconds behind.—Reuter.

## HAS COLLEGE FOOTBALL IN AMERICA GONE TOO FAR?

By STANLEY BURCH

Twenty-two teen-age lads run on to the field with crash helmets protecting their heads, and their shoulders and knees thickly padded. "Ra, ra, ra..." rival roars crash around them, conducted by cheer-leaders in romantic costume.

Braes bands bare competing tuns and girls twirl their batons and their long bare legs.

It's only a football match between two American colleges. But the emotional build-up is a thing which Europeans have known only at that moment in a circus just before the supreme rope act is sprung.

### STUDY SUFFERS

These young giants—best fed and best favoured human animals in the world to-day—are having a moment of glory which is hard for youths to take without getting spoiled in the process.

They are ecstatically lionised; they swim in hero-worship. They are not just undergraduates kicking a ball about on Saturday afternoon—they're in a mass sporting industry that has brought wealth to their colleges and a production-line technique to actual play. It has led, too, to West Point's scandal.

It takes many, many hours to train men to this standard that smudges the old line between amateur and professional. There is not enough time for study.

### COACH'S SALARY

Of 90 cadets ordered to be expelled for cheating in examination, 44 are reported to belong to the "football squad" others come from the basketball team which is subject to the same remorseless pressures.

In their shock at disclosure that dis honour has stained West Point—the symbol of American nation's highest honour—Americans are with remarkable unanimity wondering whether college football as a whole has not been glorified rather too.

For the 11 men on the field at any moment there are a score of other padded players waiting.

### "HONOUR DATED"

There are 24 college stadiums seating over 30,000; five take 70,000 or more spectators.

The University of Michigan's field accommodates 97,000. At an average admission of 24 dollars (11s. 10d.) this means £83,000 gate money per game.

The money that this massively organised sport brings to colleges is beyond the comprehension of simple folk of Oxford, Leeds or Glasgow.

Circle member willing to show Randolph Turpin how to make the spins on playing cards disappear by pressure of the thumb.

Believe it or not, that is the only problem which has really worried our World Middleweight Champion either before or since the night he motored to Earl's Court for his rendezvous with Sugar Ray Robinson.

Turpin was kept waiting at the weigh-in—an old U.S. "war of nerves" weapon first forged by celebrated Walter Hagen.

To keep Randolph's mind occupied a friend produced a pack of cards with the five of diamonds uppermost. He then swivelled his thumb on the centre spit and before you could say "Ray Robinson" there, facing Turpin, was the four of diamonds.

**COOL-HEADED**  
Just before the feathers intruded the great moment at Earl's Court last night, Turpin turned to his business manager and said: "You must find out how it's done."

Turpin, I think, sums up Turpin's remarkably cool head—worthy of a Nobel Prize, by any American who think the new World Champion can be taken out of the saddle by a lot of college boys.

The coach (who is probably paid twice the salary of the professor of literature up there in the audience) can substitute players any time when the ball is not in play. If a forward line, picked 10 minutes ago for its speed, has taken the ball to the five-yard line and brown rather than speed is now needed, an entirely new batch of the "squad's" burliest lads will be sent in to take over for the touchdown. The official one hour's play can be stretched to two and a half hours by these recurring halts, when the clock is stopped and substitutions are organised on both sides.

### THEY MUST WIN

Many of the country's 80-odd leading football colleges balance their budgets on their "gabs". They've got to win.

Brilliant coaches must therefore be tempted away from rival colleges. Likely youths must be discovered and attracted to this college or that (they must be convinced they will get their degree all right whatever their brain power and however many hours go into their training).

Within two days of the announcement of the West Pointers' dismissal a number of them had been invited to join universities—one had an immediate offer from five colleges.

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College basketball has been revealed as ridden with corruption (colleges have been getting their share of the gate at vast bookmaker-frequented stadiums like Madison Square Garden, and bribery to players from shifty characters thereabouts has flowed freely from it).

So far there has been no sign of direct corruption on the football field itself.

In the "Herald Tribune's" eyes "for many years an absurd and dangerous preoccupation with collegiate athletics has been sapping the intellectual and moral standards of American education."

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## Serious Shortage Of Copper Stocks In United States

New York, Aug. 20.

The nation's present need for more copper was understood when the Government disclosed that industry is already withdrawing metal from the strategic stockpile, supposedly a reserve for defence emergencies.

The announcement came just two days after the Independent International Union of nine mill and smelter corporations decided to strike again on August 27 against companies that account for at least 90 per cent of this country's copper production.

A Union spokesman said that such a walk-out also would affect more than half of the U.S. output of lead and zinc, other defence metals in extremely tight supply.

The Federal Conciliation Service has top mediators in several key cities, trying to help speed contract negotiations.

At issue are requests for more pay and insured health, pension and holiday provision.

Mobilisation Director Charles E. Wilson said that about 10,000 tons of copper already have

been transferred from the reserve, out of a total of 25,000 tons, authorised to meet defence production needs.

And the plans receiving it must restore a like amount to the stockpile by next June 30, "unless this replacement would not be in the interest of national defence."

Lead and zinc producers are awaiting September authorisations, which were expected to be handed down by the National Production Authority on August 24 for zinc, and August 27 for lead.

Major metal prices were unchanged with the exception of quicksilver which eased three to four dollars a flask (76 pounds) to a new range of \$195 to \$200 depending on the quantity traded, and India manganese ore up two cents a long ton unit (2,240 pounds) to \$122 to \$128.

## LATEST PRICES

Major non-ferrous metals

Copper, \$24.50 per lb. delivered; \$27.50 per lb. foreign. Lead, 17 cts per lb. New York; 18.50 cts per lb. St. Louis; 21.50/22 cts per lb. foreign; Nominal, Gulf of Mexico ports.

Zinc, 17.50 cts per lb. East St. Louis; 18.25 cts per lb. New York; 20 cts per lb. foreign; Nominal, Gulf of Mexico ports.

Aluminum, 19 cts per lb. Ingot shipping point, Flgs 1B cts. Antimony, 45.30 per lb. Cased (less than carload lots) New York; 42 cts. lots, Texas; 50 cts per lb. Idaho.

Manganese Ore, Long ton, 79.8 to 81.8 cts a lb. Ingot ton (22.4) cts U.S. ports (duty for buyers' account).

Nickel, 56.5 cts per lb. Colborne, Ontario, U.S. duty included. Silver, 90.16 cts an ounce New York; 78.55 London.

Tin, \$1.03 per lb. New York. Quicksilver, \$195 to \$200 a flask (76 lbs); Nominal, New York.

Tungsten Ore, \$85 a ton unit (20 lbs) ceiling price. — Associated Press.

## Japanese Expecting A Refund

Tokyo, Aug. 20.

Japanese financial circles expect that renunciation of Japan's interests in the Bank for International Settlements as provided for in the draft peace treaty will result in a refund of Japan's contribution of 12,350,000 gold francs (about \$1,400,000) Kyoto reported here tonight.

Fourteen Japanese commercial banks jointly raised Japan's contribution when the Bank for International Settlements was established in 1930. Subsequent mergers have reduced the number of banks concerned to 10.

The provisions of the draft treaty specifically exempt Japan's interest in the Bank for International Settlements from application under the action dealing with compensation to ex-prisoners of war.

The refund of Japan's contribution will be paid to the Japanese government for the purpose of settling the claims of Japanese citizens against the United States.

## Seeds And Oils

New York, Aug. 20.

Prices in the seeds and oils market have advanced today.

Wheat, No. 1 hard, 2.00-2.10.

Wheat, No. 2 hard, 1.90-2.00.

Wheat, No. 3 hard, 1.80-1.90.

Wheat, No. 4 hard, 1.70-1.80.

Wheat, No. 5 hard, 1.60-1.70.

## Stockpiling Of Cotton?

Washington, Aug. 20.

Senator John Stennis proposed today that the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee consider the desirability of stockpiling cotton and possibly other farm products.

He said, "It seems to me that we should certainly stockpile some cotton for possible future military needs, and if it is going to be done it ought to be done this autumn, while the 1951 crop is going to the market."

Senator Stennis made the suggestion in a letter to chairman Lyndon Johnson of the Preparedness Subcommittee, United Press.

## Construction Project In Arabia

London, Aug. 20.

Extensive developments in Arabia were predicted today with the registration in Saudi Arabia of the Anglo-Arabian Construction Company.

The British company concerned in the new organisation is the John Howard and Company, Limited, civil engineering contractors of London. It was disclosed today.

Mr John Howard, managing director of the London company, said today: "The whole idea behind the joint Arab-English company is to show that it is practicable in British and Arab interests to work together on a 50-50 partnership basis."

"As a partnership between the British and the Arabs, it has received the blessing of the British Government and has also been very strongly approved by the King of Saudi Arabia."

"Each side is providing half the capital, and for the first 10 years, control of the new company remains in British hands. At the end of the period we hope that the organisation will be sufficiently built up to enable the Arabs to control the organisation effectively themselves."

"The object of the new company will be to develop Saudi Arabia by the construction of new roads, water pipelines, water improvements, electrical development schemes, port improvements and the construction of buildings in the public and commercial spheres."

John Howard and Company were responsible for the construction of the 16-inch oil pipe line from Kirkuk to Haifa. They have been carrying out bridge works and aerodrome construction in Northern and Southern Rhodesia and the development of port installations at Melbourne and Geelong in Australia as well as orders in Britain.—Reuter.

## World Output Of Carpet Wool

Washington, Aug. 20.

A survey said that the world production of apparel and carpet wool for the 1951-52 season is estimated at 4,100,000,000 pounds, on a grease basis, a slightly up from the revised estimate for the 1950-51 season of 4,020,000,000 pounds.

It gave this breakdown of world production prospects: The United States—production for the current season is expected to be about 200,000,000 pounds, on a grease basis, about 10 per cent more than in 1950.

Australia—production will be slightly lower, perhaps 15 to 20,000,000 pounds or one to two per cent, under 1950-51.

South Africa—production is expected to increase about 10,000,000 pounds but to remain about 25 per cent under the record output of 1932 of 319,000,000 pounds.

Argentina—production is estimated at 440,000,000 pounds, up 20,000,000 from last year, but it is still 15 per cent below the 1943 record.

New Zealand—production of about 8,000,000 pounds over the 1950-51 season.

Uruguay—set a new record of 10,000,000 pounds for the 1951-52 season.—United Press.

## Pepper Market Strengthens

London, Aug. 20.

The pepper market turned strong and active following revived demand in the United States.

On the other hand, the Singapore market turned weaker, with prices falling 10 to 15 cents a catty, on a 50-lb. basis.

Black pepper, 1.00-1.10.

White pepper, 1.20-1.30.

Long pepper, 1.40-1.50.

Small pepper, 1.60-1.70.

# Britain Provides The Finest Shop Window For Foreign Buyers

(By STUART GELDER)

London, Aug. 20. Britain has provided the finest shop window in the world for foreign buyers at the South Bank Exhibition. It contains 20,000 products, from tea cups to turbo-jets, chosen by the Council of Industrial Design for excellent workmanship and outstanding beauty of design. No other nation, including the United States, has ever assembled such a collection of articles, each one of which bears quality.

It is a triumph of imagination, for the whole of this splendid show is staged in a small building. It is contained between the covers of the most remarkable industrial catalogue in existence.

Millions of Americans and other foreigners do not know what we have to sell and have no time to come thousands of miles to find out.

But thousands who have visited the exhibition have now found what they were looking for in the Design Review catalogue (many hundreds of large typewritten folders) and are now negotiating with British firms.

## "MASTER WORKS"

Obviously an area ten times the size of the South Bank site would be required to display very good things we make. So industrialists were asked to submit products which they considered to be of a high standard of design, on the sound principle that a firm which takes a lot of trouble with the appearance of an article can be trusted to have taken a great deal with its construction.

They then submitted descriptions, specifications and photographs of the goods chosen for inclusion in this "master works" guide.

The staff of Design Review are not salesmen for any individual firm in the catalogue. They are salesmen of British quality. They are not permitted to recommend individual firms or products.

When a business man comes in to inquire about, say, agricultural machinery, he is shown the catalogue containing descriptions of the finest things we make. In a few minutes he can provide himself with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the companies which make them.

## NO BADGERING

The immediate trade that will result from this enterprise is, of course, incalculable. But it will certainly be very considerable. Its most attractive feature is that the visitor is not badgered to buy.

He knows roughly what he wants. Here is an opportunity, to be found nowhere else in the world, of discovering the precise product in an atmosphere as quietly efficient as the British Museum library.

And to the question which every visitor will ask himself, "Is this a first-class job of work?" there is the unspoken but eloquent evidence of the catalogue. "It wouldn't be here if it wasn't."

"I spent an hour wandering round the section, trying to trip up the staff by asking for something they hadn't (they don't pretend to exhibit everything that is made), but I received all the answers I wanted in less than two minutes, and in several instances within half a minute."

Perhaps the most imaginative device is the screen which has been set up to show slides of English pottery, in great demand in America. Crisp photographs would not illustrate these exquisitely designed and coloured pieces.

The most encouraging feature of this display is the quality of the people engaged by the Council to guide our visitors to the places where they can buy what they need.

I was in an office when an American came to inquire about a new spinning machine of high quality, made in Keighley, Yorkshire, and a warp knitting machine, made at Burton-on-Trent, which spins rayon or rayon cloth 84 in. wide at the rate of 1,000 stitches a minute.

The young guide talked about them as though he had designed and built them himself. He knew that he was talking at the rate of about 22,000 a minute if the visitor decided to buy.

The first reaction of visitors to the United States is to compare the attractive design of our products with the ugly, ugly products which they have seen in the United States. They are amazed at the quality of our products.

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## REPRODUCE IT

We are now often able to show them articles superior to anything made in their own countries. We do not see many of them ourselves because they go abroad to buy our food and other essentials we cannot produce by our own efforts alone.

But what will happen to Design Review when the Festival of Britain is over? Thousands of foreign businessmen are too preoccupied to come to Britain this year.

The answer is to reproduce it and send it to every British information and business centre in America and every other customer country. Then whenever anyone asks what we have for sale he can be told. Come and look. We have 20,000 products for you to choose from."

There is no longer any justification for that frequent complaint of foreigners, "How do you expect us to buy if we don't know what you're selling? Why don't you show us what you've got?"

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$233,395. Noon prices and the morning's transactions—

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Bank of Communications 100 100 100

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## SHIP DEAL WITH FIRM IN HK

London, Aug. 20.

Mr Jack Billmeir, 50-year-old millionaire boss of the Stanhope Steamship Company, who once said that "if there was a cargo to hell and back, I would take it," has figured in another deal with overseas shipping interests.

This time he has sold one of his company's "Stan" class steamers, the Stanhall. Price was \$225,000.

A 9,000-ton cargo vessel, the Stanhall, was built in 1925. Buyers are Wollem and Co., the big Hongkong shipping concern, and the price they paid was one of the highest ever for a 20-year-old ship of the type.

What does the immaculate Jack Billmeir, who started as an 84-cwt clerk in a shipbroker's office, plan to do with the money? He will already earmarked it. The cash will help pay off the Stanhope company's 400,000 5 1/2 p.c. Preference shares which are being called for redemption at 24s. each on September 30 next.

Total cost of this operation will be 248,000 and the balance of the money required will come out of the company's kitty.

Although he has not finished selling, the Stanhall deal may be Jack Billmeir's last sale for some time.

Meanwhile he is still expanding his fleet. For next month he expects to take delivery of a new 10,000-ton motor cargo vessel, and its sister ship, four to six weeks later.

Their total cost is about \$1,000,000, most of which has already been paid over to the builders, Short Brothers and Harland, Ltd., Glasgow.

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30th Aug.	"KANTAN"	Yokohama & Japan
31st Aug.	"KANTAN"	Yokohama & Japan

## SAILINGS

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